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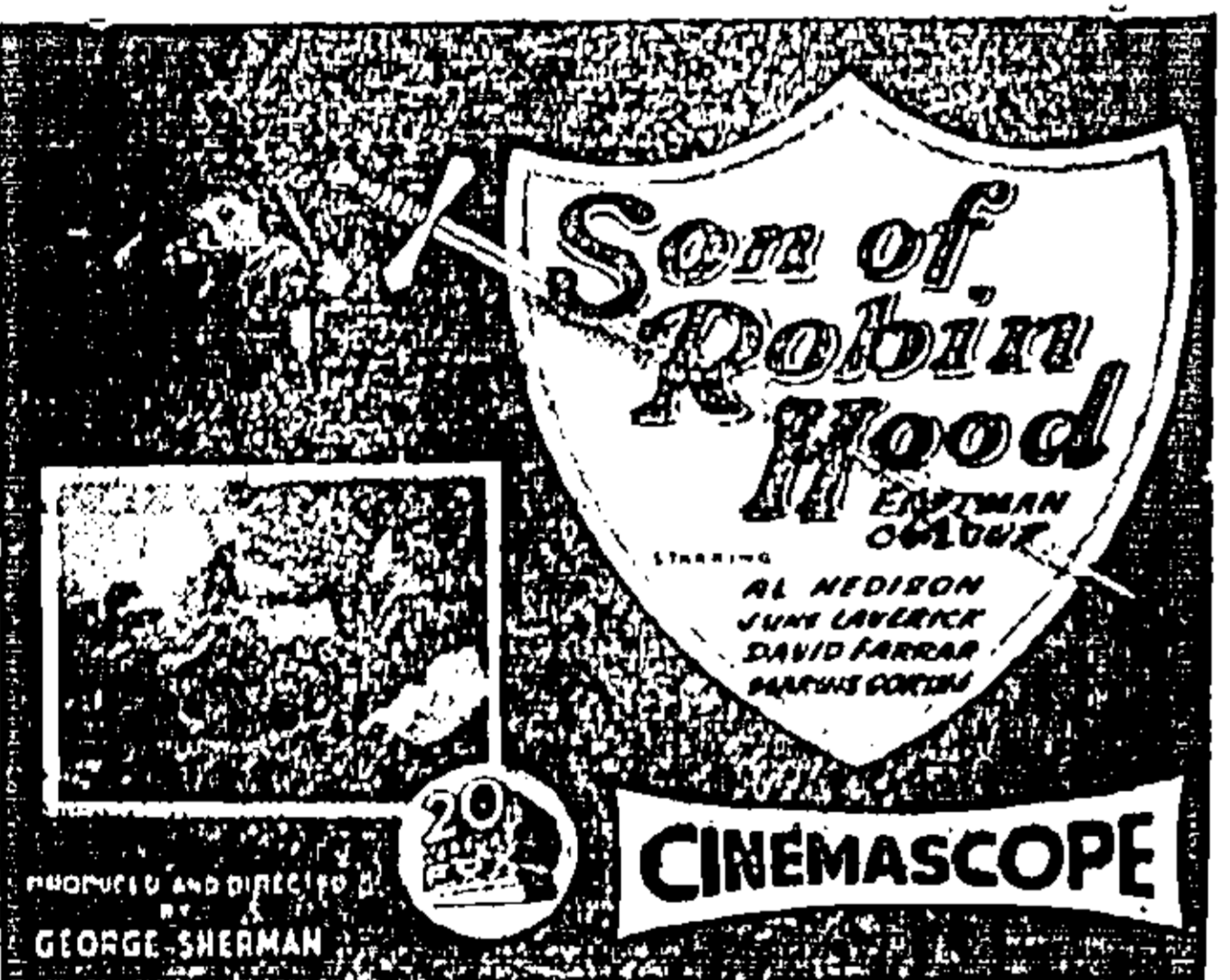
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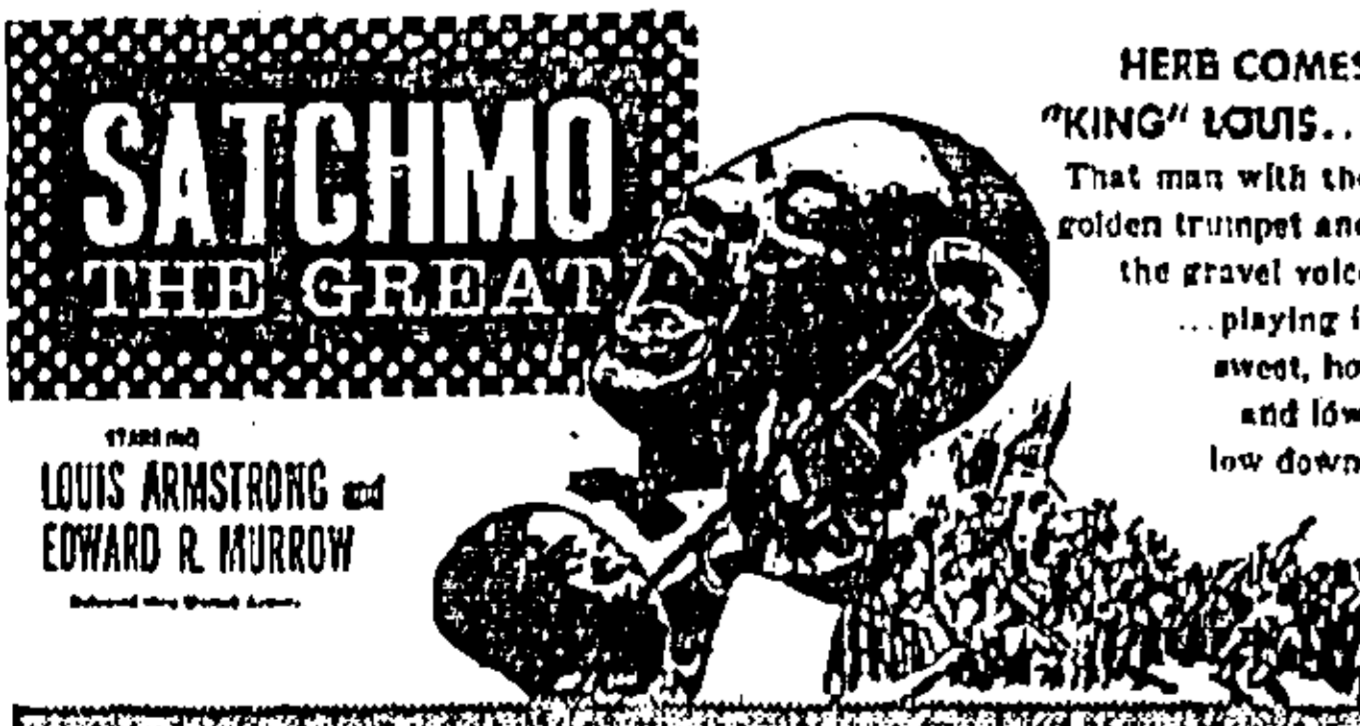
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Arsal, Dec. 16.

Army infantry, armoured cars and jet planes pounded this rebel stronghold in the Bekaa valley with mortars, rockets and shellfire over the weekend in one of the bloodiest battles Lebanon has witnessed in the last eight months.

Now Tensing's Daughters Will Climb In Himalayas

New Delhi, Dec. 16.

The two daughters of Shorpa Tensing Norkey, who climbed Everest with Sir Edmund Hillary in November 1953, will join an all-women's climbing party which will make an attempt next year on Cho Oyu, 26,750 ft., in the Himalayas.

Madame Claude Kogan, famous French mountaineer, will lead the expedition of ten women.

Cho Oyu is the world's 8th highest mountain.

Other members will be drawn from Britain, Belgium, Switzerland and India.

Madame Kogan established the women's high climbing record in 1954 by reaching about 23,100 ft. on the Cho Oyu before being forced back by bad weather.—Reuter.

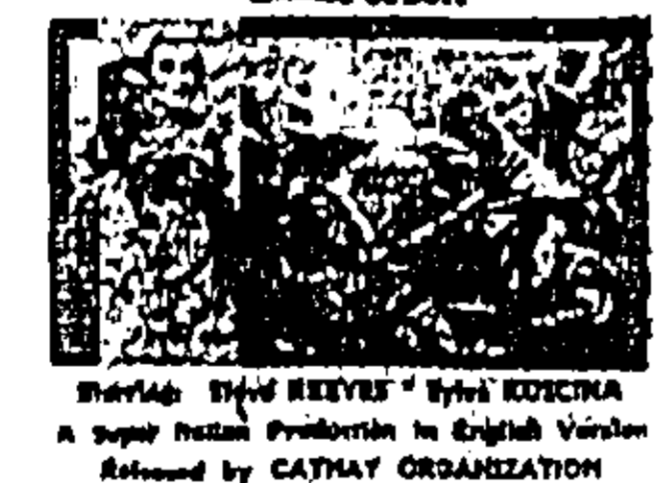
King's Thanks

Moscow, Dec. 16.
King Baudouin of the Belgians today sent a telegram to Marshal Klement Voroshilov, Soviet President, thanking him for the rescue earlier today by a Russian plane of four Belgian explorers in the Antarctic, Moscow Radio reported.—Reuter.

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And So He Went CHINA ACCUSED

London, Dec. 16.

Taxi driver Bill Beth, 37, believes in following orders without questioning them.

He got a letter on December 8 telling him to report for an operation at Southend Hospital on December 16.

He complied. He was on the operating table yesterday when Dr David Evans, the surgeon, got a good look at him.

"Stop," said Dr Evans. "It's all a mistake. You don't need an operation."

Because of a clerical error, Mr Beth had received a letter meant for another patient.

A hospital spokesman said there would be an investigation.

"I've never heard of such a thing happening before," he said.—U.P.I.

Tips At The White House

Washington, Dec. 16.

The White House today described as "very embarrassing" the 25-cent tips some guests left at the White House cloak room last week after a formal state dinner and musicale given by President and Mrs Eisenhower.

"Anyone who comes here regularly knows that it just isn't done," said a White House social aide. "The White House is not the same as a hotel or restaurant."

Reporters covering the first social affair of this year's official season last Thursday noticed several coins on the counter of the lower floor cloak room.

Said about it today, a White House aide at first could not believe that the jingle of coins accompanied the retreating of guests' coats.

"It never happened before," she said. "No solicitation is ever allowed."—U.P.I.

Paris, Dec. 16.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, will call on General Charles de Gaulle, the French Prime Minister, tomorrow afternoon.

It will be their first meeting since shortly after General de Gaulle became Prime Minister in June.—Reuter.

Bomb Hoax

New York, Dec. 16.

Police rushed to New York's Grand Central station after receiving a report that a bomb had exploded there, injuring several people.

But they discovered that they had been hoaxed, and that everything was normal at the station.—Reuter.

Tito On Way To Indonesia

Belgrade, Dec. 17.

President Tito of Yugoslavia will arrive next Tuesday in Indonesia to start an official 10-day visit, it was announced here tonight.

The Yugoslav leader is now sailing across the Indian Ocean on his yacht Galeb.

He will also visit India, Burma, Ceylon, the United Arab Republic, Ethiopia and Sudan during a 10-week tour.

Details about his program are, however, still kept secret for reasons of security.—Reuter.

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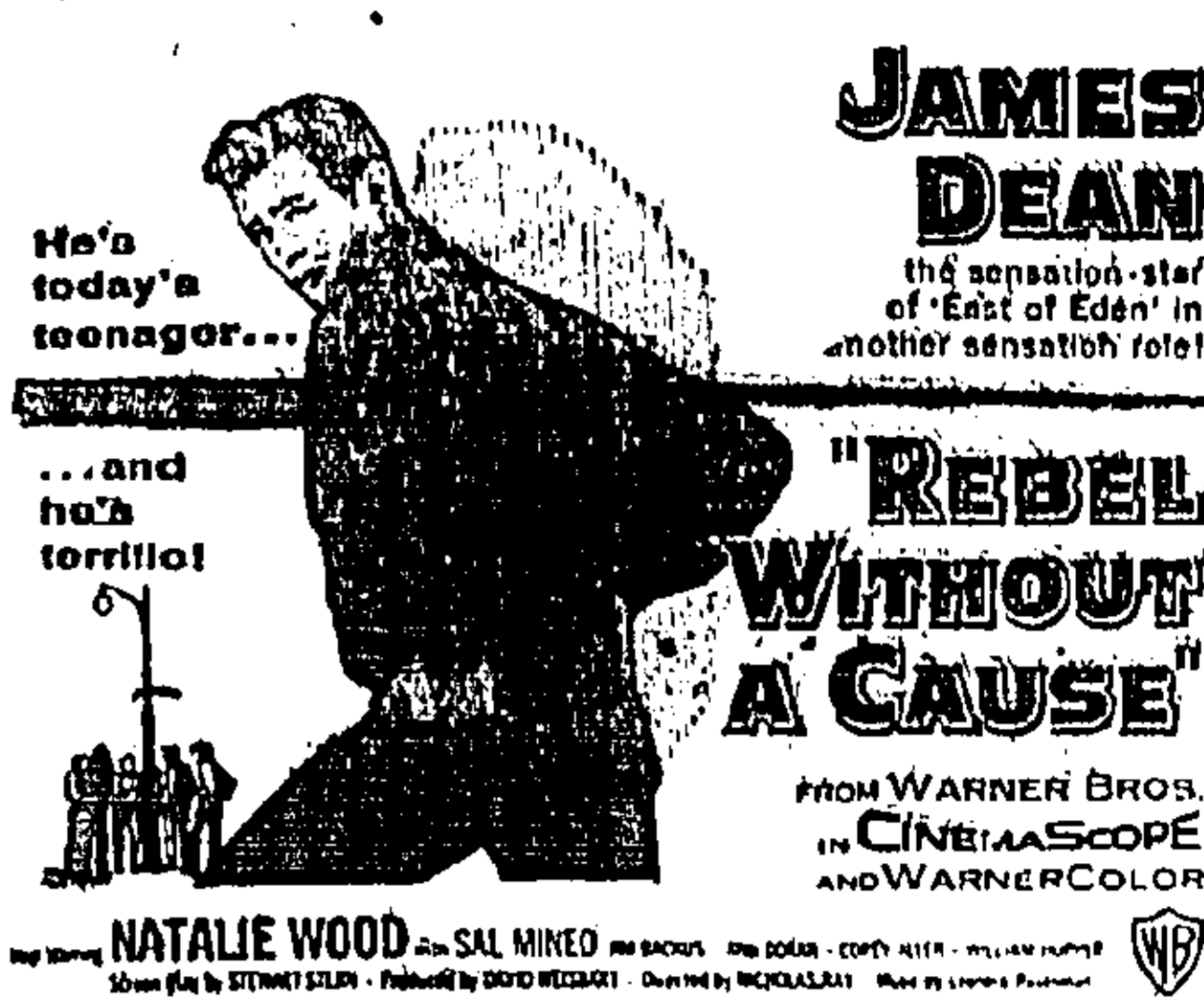
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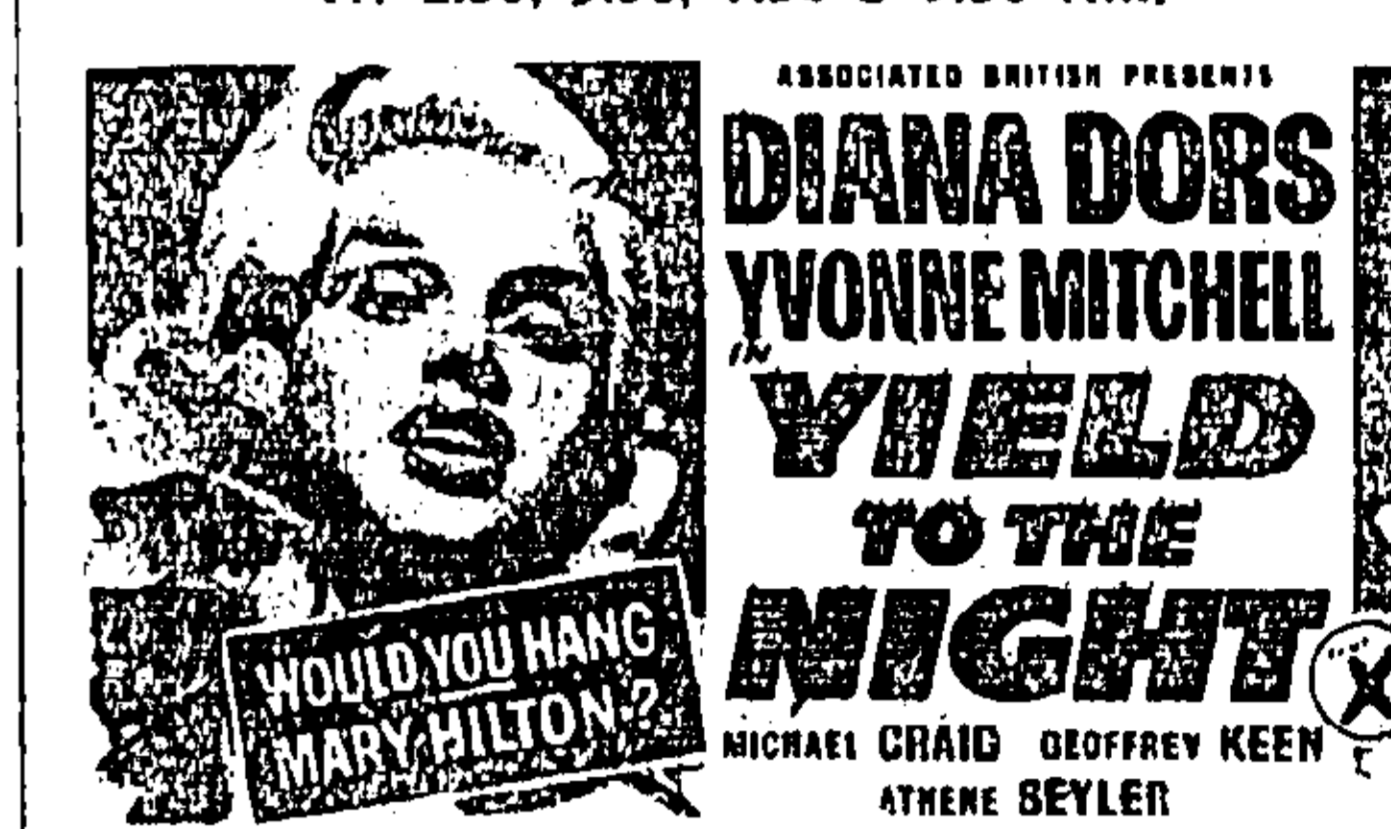
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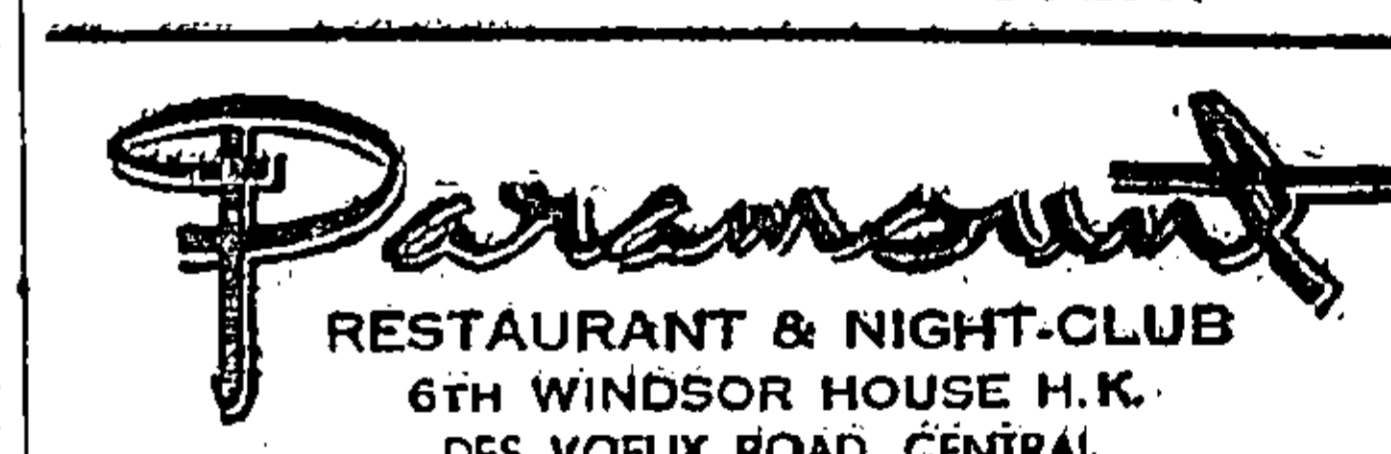
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TORIES REFUSE SUEZ INQUIRY

Labour Calls Eden An Honourable Man Who Should Have Known More

London, Dec. 16.

The British Government, after a noisy scene in the House of Commons, tonight refused to appoint a committee to inquire into the 1956 Suez operation.

The Labour Opposition had suggested that a committee composed of members of all parties look into the Suez operation and the events that led up to it.

Labour members were angry that Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Labour's chief spokesman on foreign affairs, was not called by the Deputy Speaker to speak before the government replied to the debate.

Mr. George Wigg (Labour) who raised the matter, said that Sir Anthony Eden, Prime Minister at the time, could say as his last word to the House that he could do all again meant that an inquiry was a national requirement.

Whatever one might think about the operation, and the necessity for strong action there was a lack of plan, ships and aircraft.

Mr. Wigg said he had never believed in the "father figure" action of collusion between Britain, France and Israel as printed in some newspapers.

He went on to say that the truth about Sir Anthony Eden is that he was not a villain.

"I believe what Mr. Randolph Churchill wrote about him (in a national newspaper recently) was that he did not know all that was going on."



Sir Anthony Eden

that the Anglo-French operation was slow.

"But I have not yet heard one single suggestion how it could be done quicker, except as an all-airborne operation to seize the canal," he said.

That course had been unanimously rejected.

It would have been a bold man who would have ordered an airborne operation against an all-airborne force.

He personally thought it would have been a risky and unwise measure which would have risked a large number of lives.

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Mammoth Gift



Master calligraphist Tendo Obayashi of Tokyo, using a mop sized writing brush, writes the Chinese character "Kotobuki" (felicitations) on a 17,820 square foot sheet of paper, before a big crowd at the grounds of Tokiwamatsu Elementary School.

He plans to present the huge calligraphy to Crown Prince Akihito to congratulate him on his engagement. Obayashi is the world record holder in both "mammoth writing" and "micro writing." He can write 3,000 Chinese characters on a grain of rice. —U.P.I. Photo.

U.S. TO FLY INTO SPACE AND RETURN

Cranwell, Dec. 16.

Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley said here today that next spring United States test pilots will attempt to take a plane out into space, circle the Earth and then bring it back to their base.

The Air Marshal, one of Britain's most distinguished air-crews and present Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Flying Training Command, was addressing cadets passing out at the Royal Air Force College, Cranwell.

He said: "Next spring the first of a team of American test pilots will take off in their latest research aircraft and attempt in their programme to break out into space from an emergency climb and after circumnavigating the globe in orbit, re-enter the atmosphere and land back at their base."

ICBM Out-Dated

He told the cadets that he thought the American plan would make the ballistic missile as a so-called ultimate weapon "as unultimate and as dated as all its predecessors."

"There is no ultimate weapon and no barrier to man's achievement in the air," he added. —Reuters.

"Suicidal"

One was that Mr. Head had revealed that, in effect, he accused his colleagues of having deliberately planned what they knew to be an "almost suicidal operation" and then ran away from its consummation.

Another reason was that the principal witness (Sir Anthony Eden) had now sufficiently recovered in health to be able to write his memoirs on the subject.

The debate, which took place on a procedural motion for the adjournment of the House, ended without a vote. —Reuters.

Indonesian Paper Closed

Djakarta, Dec. 16.

The Djakarta Military Command today announced that the English-language daily newspaper, the Times of Indonesia, had been banned from publishing for an indefinite period, Antara News Agency reported.

The Army announcement said the paper had been banned because it had carried a report that could be regarded as harming Indonesia's good name.

The announcement did not state what the report was but Antara added "it was worthy of note" that on December 11 the paper had published a strong editorial attack on President Nasser of the United Arab Republic. —Reuters.

Pilots Set New Record

Washington, Dec. 16.

Two Air Force pilots set a record of 1,450 M.P.H. for intercepting and destroying an "enemy" aircraft in a test on December 10 at Larson Air Force Base, Washington. It was disclosed today.

The airmen, flying F-104 Star Fighters, took off, intercepted and theoretically destroyed a target 35,000 feet up and 172 miles from their base in 8:59 minutes.

The performance was revealed by Gen. Curtis E. Lemay who presented the two with the General Electric Trophy for significant achievement in aviation at a National Aeronautics Association luncheon. —U.P.I.

More Jets For Korea

Washington, Dec. 16.

The United States is giving Korea an additional wing of jet fighter planes to bolster defenses against the buildup of Communist air power north of the Korean truce line. It was announced today.

A Defence Department spokesman, in making the statement in response to a Press inquiry, refused to identify the type of planes or to say how soon delivery would be completed.

Other officials said the long-promised buildup of the South Korean air force and the arming of U.S. forces in Korea with Matador missiles was part of an arrangement under which Korea will reduce its ground force strength. —U.P.I.

Soundproofed

In the third room the prisoners were told to stand against the wall where there was a measure for taking heights.

What they were being measured S.S. men crowded in another small room shot them in the back of the neck through slits in the wall.

Sorge and Schubert said that records of march music were played loudly to prevent other Russian prisoners in the undressing rooms hearing shots. The execution room was soundproofed.

After the shooting German camp prisoners carried the bodies out to a further room and the floor was washed down with a hose to remove blood.

In the next rooms the bodies were examined for gold teeth and cremated.

About 300 prisoners were shot a day more than the cremation

GUARDS ON TRIAL TELL OF DEATHS

10,800 Russians Shot To Music In German Camps

Bonn, Dec. 16.

Two former concentration camp guards told a court here today how 10,800 Russian prisoners of war were shot in the neck at Sachsenhausen concentration camp during the war to the strains of march music.

Gustav Sorge and Wilhelm Schubert are charged with being responsible for the murder of more than 11,000 concentration camp inmates and Russian prisoners of war in Sachsenhausen and Esterwegen concentration camps.

In statements Sorge and Schubert said the prisoners were brought to the camp in transports and not registered.

They were taken to a long building with six rooms.

In the first two rooms they were told to undress for "medical examination" and were watched by S.S. men dressed in white doctors' coats.

They could handle so several mobile cremation units were brought to the camp.

In answer to the President's men said they had belonged to the shooting party.

Sorge said the shooting party had special privileges and rations — a fried cutlet with roast potatoes two bottles of beer and six cigarettes.

Both accused declared that the shooting had been ordered personally by Hitler as retaliation for the alleged shooting of German prisoners of war by the Russians. —Reuters.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION

After Wisdom joined the army the war was never quite the same again!

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ANNE SHARPLEY

I reach the dizzy heights

LIKE any other right-minded, work-shy citizen I take advantage of the free entertainment open to all on road works and building sites.

A good demolition job (especially a great swinging boulder called the "headache pill") has more drama and tension than an X film and gets rid of those nasty destructive urges.

Splendid!

But for a pure-minded sense of progress and achievement you have to watch a building being constructed. Clinging up high by inch.

"Yes, I watched that one go up in '57" you say, implying that you could not have got up without you.

Having something of the pre-prophetic, future-moulding attitude of a gallery first-nighter, it was natural I should try to get up one of those gorgeous cranes that stand about making signs and passes over London, south or later.

And it had to be the biggest.

A splendid, giant, elegant crane as logical and mad as a stocking-run. One hundred and fifty-six feet six and three-

... WHEN I JOIN MR. COOK IN LONDON'S HIGHEST CRANE

quarter inches of it (worth £13,000) standing, lolly, waving its blessing over Mary-lebone.

Its owners (McAlpine) probably detected the underlying mania impelling my request to climb up their crane but they are resigned to being the biggest thing in unpaid show business and a request for audience participation was the foreseeable next step.

A welcome

Since the recent weather has provided little choice it was a foggy morning when we started the climb. It was still a foggy morning when we got to the top. But once there the sort of welcome home that should be the reward of all ascents was waiting. Into the tiny green control cabin we piled, just keeping our elbows out of the electric fan and the paint pots, and Mr. Jack Cook.

Mr. Cook is one of the elite of the building world. He is a demolition driver, which is 30ft. lower than an ordinary crane driver. And you get an official licence for the building trade when you realise he was bred to a crane. And so were his nine brothers.

"You could tell which particular job my father was on from where each of us was born. It was Devonport Dock for my eldest brother, Bristol Dock for me, Portsmouth or Woolwich Docks for the others."

He waves through the fog that surrounds his cabin in the sky. "I've a brother on that job across there."

For a while the crane has been still, the cabin nodding slowly like a flowerhead.

Now Mr. Cook's sharp eyes had caught a signal from his hardly-visible "banksman"—the controller on the ground. A crane driver and his banksman communicate in a tie-tie language of their own. "I'll just slow round, he wants one of those bundles of tin," explained Mr. Cook.

With a sensation as though a chain had been threaded through one from top to toe and was now being steadily hauled on, the crane started manoeuvring about.

In a burst of activity the banksman induced the crane to pick up this, drop that, slew round and slew back again. It was precise, elegant work that reminded one of sculpts and surgery.

"You know, the way I work really governs the speed of the

entire job. This is a quiet morning, but most days I'm working all the time," he said.

His record

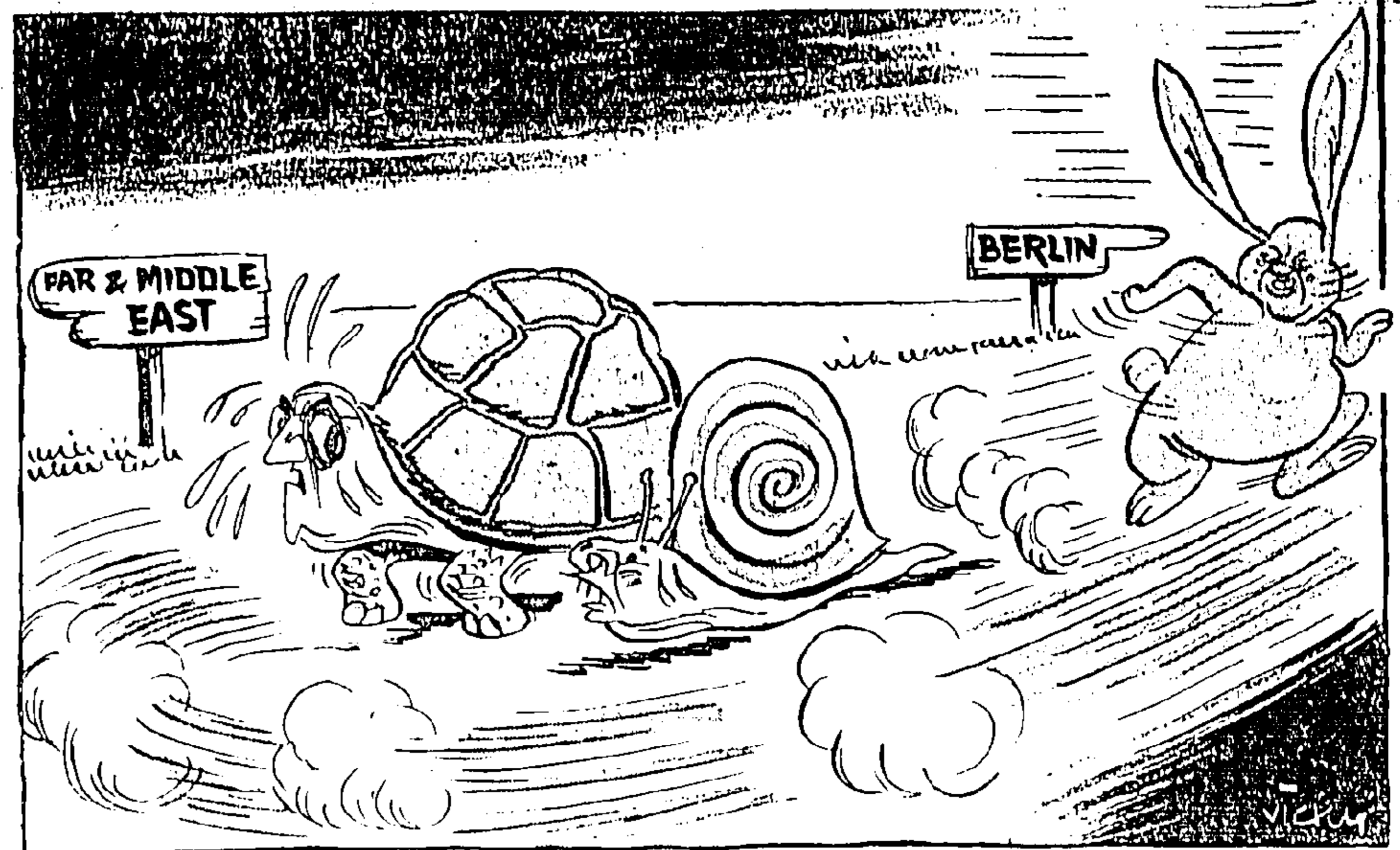
But more important than the speed of a crane driver, I learned, is that the other workers should trust him. "Otherwise, with all that stuff swinging over their heads all the time, they'd never feel safe and always be looking up."

Mr. Cook has a guaranteed record. "Haven't dropped or misjudged a load yet, touch wood," he said hard put to it to find some wood in that aerial gadget that is his place of work. It seemed time to go down. On the way up the fog had comfortably muffled the distance.

"Takes a lady with good nerves to come up here," said Mr. Cook as we said goodbye, which unnerved me to the point of stepping right off into space. I was just caught in time.

But next time I watch one of those imperious giant cranes swinging majestically about, I shall not think how superior and detached they look. I shall think of Mr. Cook.

★ Didn't somebody forget something? Posters advertising the panto Sleeping Beauty list six star names. All men! (London Express Service).



"THERE, WE'VE OVERTAKEN HIM, SELWYN!"

LONDON EXPRESS SERVICE

Girls Beg For Jobs In Strip Dens

PROWLING in the grimy depths of London's vice, I found myself in a pub in Soho eavesdropping on two attractive girls seated at the next table.

Eavesdropping? Unrepentantly. My guide had asked me to pay particular attention to the older-looking of the two girls.

She was a beauty. Haven-haired, lovely, and poised. And her clothes couldn't hide her figure.

Suddenly her voice rose slightly, and with magnificent boredom she said: "I've got £50 in my pocket, and I don't know what to do with it. I suppose I'll just have to go and buy some more clothes."

My companion nudged me. "Do you know where she gets that sort of lolly? Strippling! And other things."

He smirked. "Do you know how old she is? FIFTEEN."

Why should this man tell me this?

SHOCKED

Because I had shown myself naive enough to be shocked by a report of a 14-year-old girl stripping in a club.

He was out to show me how it happens—and to let me draw my own conclusions as to why.

There are dozens of clubs on and beyond the vice-line in London. All of them have some sort of strip cabaret.

"These girls don't carry their birth certificates around with them," he went on. "How is a club proprietor to know when they are under 16?"

This, then, is the really difficult task facing London County Council. It is all very well to debate the nuisance of undesirable clubs, as London's county councillors have done. But how can officialdom stop under-age strippers when there is no clue that they ARE under age?

It is true that one 14-year-old girl has been caught stripping in a tiny club for an audience of 34 men. But what guarantee can be that the police, as they did in this case, will always catch girls like her before worse befalls them?

With the assistance of another newspaperman I tracked down the man who ran the club.

He is an ex-public schoolboy, dapper, charming, suave—and 34. He admits that he has, in another connection, been called "the most sinister manager of the call-girl racket in London."

SUAVE

He is also the son of a respected missionary evangelist now in America and the nephew of a knight. His own marriage has broken up, and his two children are with their grandparents in America.

I asked him pointed questions about the 14-year-old girl who had been caught stripping in a room measuring 13 feet by 12 feet... a room crammed with 34 ogling men.

"Did you know she was only 14?"

"Immaculate in camel-hair overcoat, he spread his hands in horror. 'Certainly not. Don't take my word for it that she looked 20. Ask any of the people who watched her dance.'"

"How do you hire the services of such a child?"

"Through an agency," was the frank reply. "There are dozens of clubs round London using strippers. It has become such big business that agencies have

sprung up to supply the nude cabaret acts.

"They are in business. We are in business. I assumed that when they sent me the girl they were satisfied with her credentials."

He swirled the whisky in his glass thoughtfully. "Look here—why should I run the risk of employing a 14-year-old? I know I'll be hammered if I'm caught. Wouldn't it be more sensible to assume that no one would KNOWINGLY employ a stripper under 16?"

"Even assuming that is so, don't you have any spark of feeling about the possibility of leading teenagers into vice?"

He burst out laughing. It was real merriment. "My good chap," he said. "I was the first man in London to operate a strip club so I know all about leading teenagers into vice, as you put it."

"Don't be fooled by the talk of evil men persuading these girls. It may happen occasionally that girls are persuaded to become prostitutes, but many teenagers need no persuasion to become strippers."

IN DROVES

"They are falling over themselves in droves to get in on the act. I don't seek them. They seek me. They know it's easy money, and that's what they want. Easy money!"

"But they don't start as strippers?"

"Sometimes they do. There are schools and agencies for strippers. If a girl is good, she can graduate straight from there to the club."

"But most start as hostesses. They come to me and beg for a job. Maybe they've run away from home. Maybe they just can't be bothered earning money the hard way. And I take them on. Once they see the easy life of the strippers, it's a short step from hostess to the seven veils."

"Do many strippers become prostitutes?"

"I don't know," he said. "But I think that for some weak-willed girls the temptation does exist."

"You laughed when I asked if you didn't feel any personal responsibility towards these girls. Yet you have admitted, step by step, that you might be playing a part in the road to prostitution?"

He thought for a moment. "How can I answer you fairly?" he said at length. "I ran a strip club. That's how I made my money. Am I really to be held responsible for the inclinations of some of these girls?"

"Wouldn't it be more true to condemn their parents? After all, it is as a result of their home background that most of them come to London, thirsting—absolutely thirsting—for old chap—after easy money."

"But you say you ran a call-girl syndicate?"

"That's a different thing entirely. And that's over and done with. You were talking of teenage strippers."

"I was also talking of strippers turning prostitutes," I said.

"No, I won't be caught like that," he retorted. "It isn't

By

ERIC SEWELL

part of a stripper's job to accommodate individuals in her audience. What she does in that respect is her own affair."

"Are you going to open another strip joint?"

"Could do tomorrow, old chap. Anyone can open a club. But I'm finished with that particular line. I mean that. Something else will turn up."

FRANK

Out of this—considering the circumstances—remarkably frank conversation, one point struck me. That teenage girls were falling over themselves in droves to become hostesses, possibly strippers on the fringe of London's vice life.

Was this true?

I rummaged through Soho. In and out of clubs and near-club joints. I spoke to dozens of girls. And my findings? Take Shirley (as I will call her, though that is not her real name). Good home, good school, good job. But she was restless for the bright lights. She came to London against her parents' wishes and started an advanced secretarial course. Her mother thinks she is a private secretary.

"I took this job at nights to pay my way," she shrugged. "But the money is so easy—and I'm on duty until the early hours. It didn't seem worth while to get up tired at 8 a.m. and study, so I live on my commission here."

Susan still doesn't know I was a newspaperman. She was understandably annoyed when I walked out.

"ROBBED"

In these two clubs alone, in the space of half an hour, I had been virtually "robbed" of nearly £10. Frankly, although this was just another newspaper investigation—I drove out of the vice area in a curious personal fury. Not against the club-owners. Not against the teenagers caught up in the club racket. But against the thousands of men who nightly patronise these places and keep them in business.

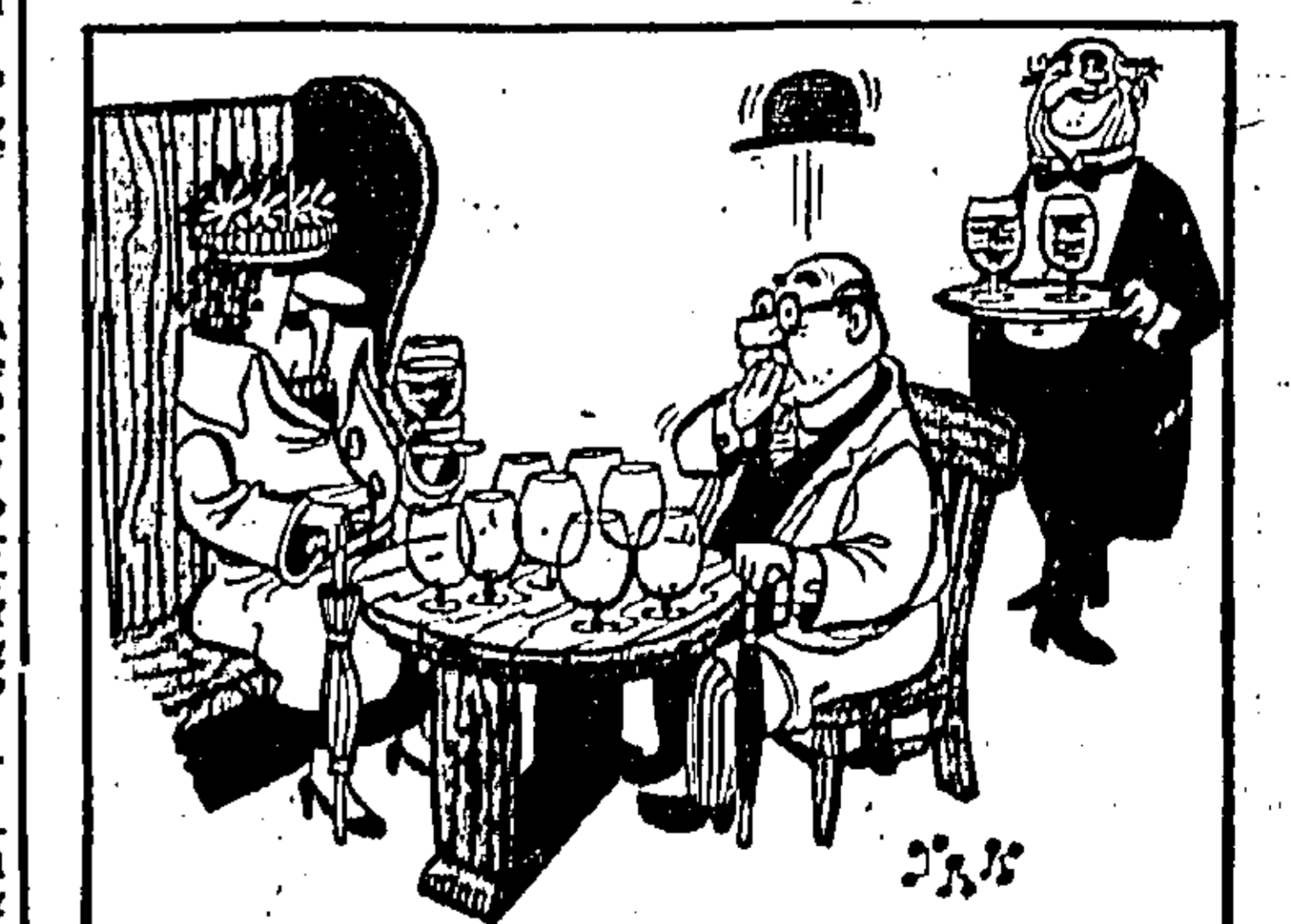
THE 'BLEEP BLEEP' PINT COMES TO BRITAIN

The first radio-controlled public house has come to Britain. Just before Christmas the staff of 18 at the Buckles Inn, between Tadcaster and York, will be given midday radio receivers—about the size of a small pen-type torch.

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"It's going to make an enormous difference to the efficiency and control of a public house of this size," said Mr. Cecil Redhead, the licensee. "The system will enable us to switch staff from one part of the premises to another without delay."

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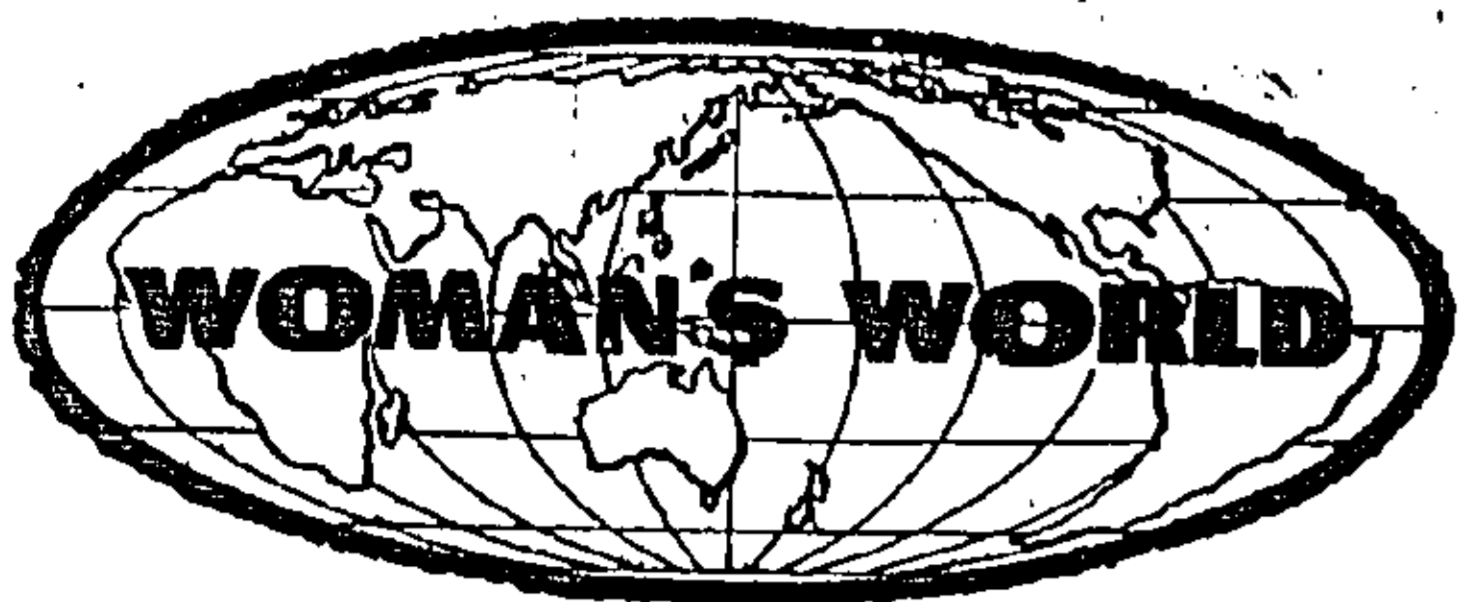
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WOMANSENSE

My, How Hongkong's Changed!



Their Heads Were Hers

Vienna. When Mrs. Poldi Mader, who runs what is one of the most modern "ladies' hairdressing establishments" in Vienna, celebrated her 70th birthday recently, she also celebrated the fact that she has been a leader of fashion in hairdressing for over half a century.

In that time she has dressed the hair of some of the most prominent ladies in Europe.

Since Poldi, as she is known to her clients, first began dressing hair as an apprentice in 1903, she has seen countless changes in style. Piled up curls gave way to bobs, in 1920 she did the first permanent wave ever to be done in Vienna, a process which lasted five hours, and finally came shingles, bangs and the host of hair styles of the last 30 years.

In her early days she was sent to the great palaces of Vienna carrying with her in a basket her brushes and combs and lotions.

But her career really began when she was called to attend on the Russian Grand Duchess Anna Pavlovna in 1911. The Grand Duchess was so pleased with her work that she was constantly sent for after that, whenever the Duke and Duchess were in Germany or Austria. She went with them to Munich, Berlin, Dresden and elsewhere.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

NORTH and South have a chance to take the lead in the first round of the 1958-59 season. North is the favorite to take it.

The normal opening lead was a trump and West would lead a spade to show North usually played the ace and led back the queen, whereupon declarer would take dummy's king, off the last card, draw the last trump and lead a diamond. North would take his king and take a second diamond to his partner's ace.

At this point, South would see that he could not afford a third diamond and would play the ace of clubs. West's play the ace of clubs.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
East South West North
1♠ Double 1♥ 1♠
Pass 4♠ Pass 5♠
Pass 5♠ Pass 5♠
Pass 5♠

You, South, hold:
♠A Q 3 2 ♥K Q 3 ♠A J 9 4 2
What do you do?
A—Bid six spades. A player would be a coward to pass here.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again you have doubled East's one club opening. West has bid one heart and North has bid one spade. You, South, hold:
♠A Q 2 ♥A K 3 ♠A J 4 2
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

BORN today, you have tremendous self-reliance and confidence. In your ability to project your own ideas successfully, you are a natural. You are a natural in the realm of the arts and the sciences and whatever your particular genius is, you will develop it from earliest childhood for the finest results. You like to plan everything on a large scale and often you map out something and then find it very difficult to implement your grandiose ideas. Better, perhaps, to set your sights on something more readily attainable and then go on to greater heights.

You have the artistic temperament and are usually a good dancer and a good singer. You are a very strong and you show them in good humor and among those whose company you enjoy, no one could be more genial, more pleasant. But when you are in one of your "even lower" moods and you are very irritable when interrupted. The one you would most understand this side of your

THURSDAY, DEC. 18

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Not a day to be aggressive or to insist on your own way. Be cooperative.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you are an employer, this is not a good day for hiring and firing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Some special event this evening—school basketball, perhaps—holds your interest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Your most effective day this week, no make real progress on an important project.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Make that date with the dentist! Do that necessary thing today and you'll be glad you did.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—If your nervous energy is depleted, plan to relax tensions this evening. See a good play.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If nerves are a little ragged today, plan to get extra rest. Tonight, early to bed.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't anticipate speedy action now. Be content to make normal, average progress.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Don't seek outside advice in a private matter. Solve your own problem in your own way.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—The creative arts are in favour, take advantage of the trend in doing your work.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Partners can begin making their spring plans early. A good day for it now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—The path of true love should run smoothly now, for romance is in the air.

NORTH		5
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♥7 4		
♦K 8		
♣J 5		
WEST (D)		EAST
♠10 2		♠K 9 7
♥A K 9 8 5		♥Q J 6 3 2
♦J 2		♦Q 6
♣K 10 8		♣A 7 4
SOUTH		
♠8 5		
♥10		
♦A 10 9 7 5 4 3		
♣Q 3 2		
Both vulnerable		
West North East South		
1♥ 1♠ 4♥ Pass		
Pass Pass		
Opening lead—♥4		

would force North's jack and West would proceed to finesse against South's queen and make his contract.

If North plays the king of diamonds right after winning his ace of spades he can beat the hand, since declarer will have to play the club himself, but no North player found that defence.

However, a couple of Souths did find a defence. Instead of playing the deuce of clubs, they led the ace. This fooled West and he won in dummy and played South for having the club ace also. Certainly for West's play for South!

Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Our speaker has been delayed, so let's all have a good time till he gets here!"

"A MOST unrecognisable!" exclaimed Mrs. A. N. Reynolds, "The buildings, the throngs of people, the traffic! I can't begin to tell you what a tremendous change has come over the place!"

Mrs. Reynolds and her husband, Mr. A. N. Reynolds one-time Chief Detective Inspector of the Hongkong Police, have returned to the Colony for a 6-month visit after a 26-year absence.

"The most noticeable change," said Mrs. Reynolds, "is the terrific increase in population."

"I recall clearly," she continued, "that in 1932 I could walk down Des Voeux Road in complete comfort and take my time shopping. It would be almost hazardous to try it today."

Cleaner

By and large, however, Mrs. Reynolds feels that Hongkong has altered for the better. The streets are cleaner, the transportation system more efficient and the poverty considerably reduced.

"I was happy to note that there are fewer beggars today,"

Mrs. Reynolds and her husband Chief Inspector Reynolds, left the Colony 26 years ago. Here they talk about the amazing changes they found.

PEOPLE I MEET
by
JOANNE BLAIR

Cheongsams are still a bit higher, hair cuts are shorter and neater, white polse and self-assurance stand out vividly.

New To Me

"It's new to me," remarked Mrs. Reynolds, "to see a Chinese man riding a car, smoke a cigarette or serve in a shop!"

"And the way they speak English is really amazing!" she exclaimed. "I'm thrilled to see the progress they have made."

The roaring buses, literally thousands of cars and the speed with which Hongkong moves make up the third astonishing feature of the city.

The Noise

"All the noise and rushing takes my breath away," she says. "In my early days here we went everywhere either by chair or by rickshaw. Of course, there were cars just before we left, but nothing like the numbers we see today."

All the reclaimed land too, has made a difference. Areas that were remembered as a beach or cliff, now boast high buildings and wide roads. The first reclamation of land, she recalls, had just begun at Praya East but it was nothing in

said Mrs. Reynolds. "Previously there were innumerable poverty-stricken souls on the street looking for handouts. But today that sort of thing has almost disappeared."

Mrs. Reynolds paid tribute to the many social welfare societies who have helped to improve the lot of the Chinese.

Another very noticeable alteration, Mrs. Reynolds notes, is the change in the Chinese women. "How smart and chic they are!" she says with delight. "Mind you, they always were very well dressed, but these days they are decidedly Westernised."

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Strange Little Country

—Everything Was Tiny Except Daisies And Match Boxes—

By MAX TRELL

"NOW, when I was small," said Baron Munch to Knarf and Hand, the Shadows with the Turned-About Names, "I once made myself a little wagon. The wheels were made of daisy blossoms. The wagon part was made of a match box. But it was much too big for a horse to pull."

"Too big," exclaimed Knarf. "Too big," exclaimed Hand. "Why, a horse is a thousand times bigger than a wagon made of a match box and daisy blossoms wheels!"

Strange Country

Baron Munch smiled and shook his head. "I forgot to tell you something. I lived in a very strange and faraway country when I made that wagon. I lived in Tinyland."

Knarf and Hand looked at each other. Then they looked at Baron Munch.

"Oh dear," said Baron Munch, as his smile faded from his face. "I see that you've never heard of Tinyland. It's on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean between the Gulf of Mexico and the Rocky Mountains."

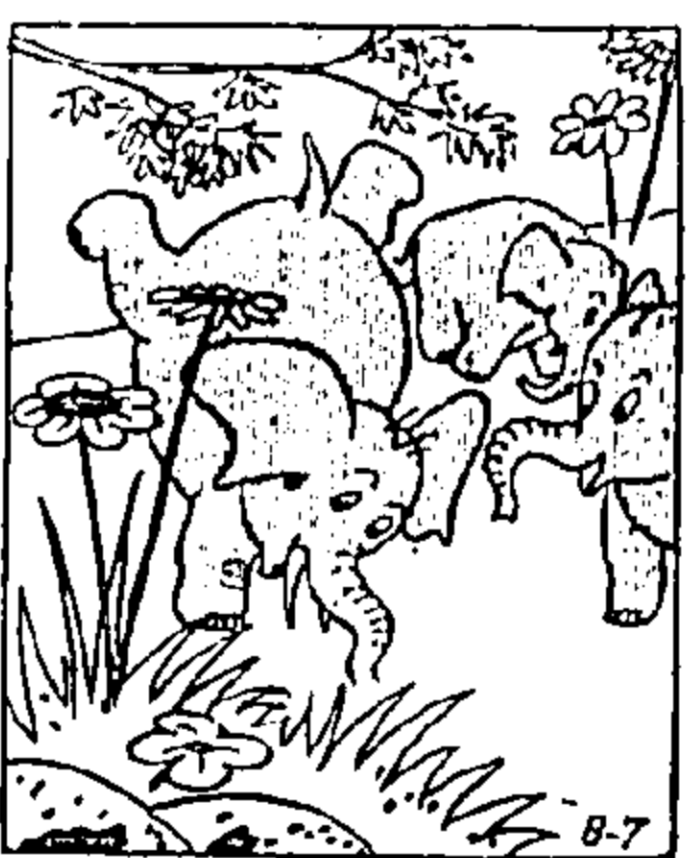
Not Large Enough

Knarf eyes brightened when he heard this. He had often wished he had an Elephant. But the house never seemed large enough.

Baron Munch was saying: "One of the sweetest and pleasantest birds in Tinyland was the Tinyland Canary."

"Oh, how big was the Tinyland Canary?" asked Hand.

"Just about the size of a fly," said Baron Munch. "The Tinyland children used to keep their Canaries in cages made of two buttons tied together with thread, with space enough be-



Tinyland Elephants Were No Bigger Than Puppies.

tween the two buttons for the Tinyland Canaries to have a perch and a swing."

"But why," asked Knarf, "did the daisy blossoms get so big?"

"And why," asked Hand, "were the match boxes also big?"

Curious Thing

Knarf and Hand both waited for Baron Munch to answer their questions.

"Now that's a curious thing," he said. "I lived in Tinyland for several years. Nothing in the whole world bothered me more than the matter of those enormous daisy blossoms and match boxes. And the most curious thing of all is this: I was never able to find out why they were so big and the horses and cows and Elephants and everything else were so remarkably small."

And that's all that Baron Munch would say about the wonderful and far-off and extremely strange country known as Tinyland, which is to be found on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean between the Gulf of Mexico and the Rocky Mountains (and is not to be found in any Geography book!).

Rupert and the Carved Stick—40



After a lot of pushing by Edward the bear has the stick in the water, the oars are fetched, the two pals are on board and off they go. "I do hope the island is as exciting as it looked when we first saw it," says Rupert. The sea is quite calm.



and they make good progress. "There's only one tiny beach where we can land," says the gentleman as he skillfully rows toward a crack in the rugged cliffs. Soon the feet are grating on a narrow stretch of pebbles and Rupert jumps out to help pull it in.



MRS. A. N. REYNOLDS

comparison with what has been done today.

"The only landmarks we could identify," she said, "were the Kowloon wharves, the old Peninsula Hotel, the Talkoo docks and the sugar factory."

"Of course, 26 years is a long time but I can truthfully say that I would never have believed that Hongkong was like today if I hadn't come to see for myself."

Best Place

"I just can't get over it," she mused as she gazed at the mottled brown hills of Kowloon through the window of her spacious flat. "Over there," she said indicating the mainland, "was where it all began in 1919. But you should see it now! Small villages have sprung up all over the once flat and country-like area."

"I love it though," she added. "My husband and I have done a lot of travelling since we've been away but we both agree that Hongkong is the best place of all."

Happy Travelling

New York.

By GAY PAULEY

MIX and match clothes long have been standards in travel wardrobes, but the most amazing assemblage to date comes from Don Loper, Hollywood couturier.

Loper has developed an all-Jersey wardrobe in black. The basic 10 items worked out to at least 22 combinations in my count and a good mathematician probably could make it more. It is all done with mix, match, reversibles and zippers, and fits neatly into a single hatbox. With accessories, it weighs in at just 20 pounds.

The basics are a fitted coat, slant trousers, blouse with removable white dicky, a straight skirt, a hood, a two-piece jet beaded suit, one Jersey belt and one wide satin cummerbund.

Daytime

The coat zips apart at the waistline leaving a jacket which can be combined with the straight skirt; the coat skirt is full, and lined with taffeta, so that turned wrong side out it is a dress. Add the Jersey blouse with dicky zipped out and

you've a cocktail costume with plenty of décolletage.

The tapered Jersey pants have push-up legs, so that they're hidden under the coat. If the travelling girl wants to wear her lounge clothes instead of changing into them once aboard a plane.

She can get the look of a daytime dress by zipping the white dicky back into the blouse and wearing the straight skirt with Jersey belt. Then the beaded top of the two-piece suit can go with the plain skirt, or beaded skirt with plain top.

Loper put together the wardrobe originally for Jean Gammon, women's fashion director for Scandinavian Airlines, who travels some 25,000 miles annually and said it was always a problem to find a capsule wardrobe.

Miss Gammon, a pretty blonde, said she has only one objection to Loper's wardrobe—the skirt of the coat should be less full.

Loper's other customers apparently have no complaints. Several movie star clients have paid \$1,000 for the wardrobe.

Household Hints

Never press a dress or other garment with a stain in it. First try to remove the stain; pressing may set it so it can't be removed.

Save mesh bags—from packages of oranges, potatoes, and so forth—to use as tote bags for books and small articles.

Your gloves—especially leather ones—will last much longer if you exercise care in putting them on and taking them off.

Never put gloves on damp hands. Fit them on slowly, first over the fingers, then over the thumb. Smooth with gentle pressure next to the thumb.

In removing them, pull over hand to the second finger joint; then slide off and reshuffle.

Moths are not interested in cottons, linens, rayons or other synthetic fabrics. They eat only fabrics of animal origin—wool, fur and feathers.

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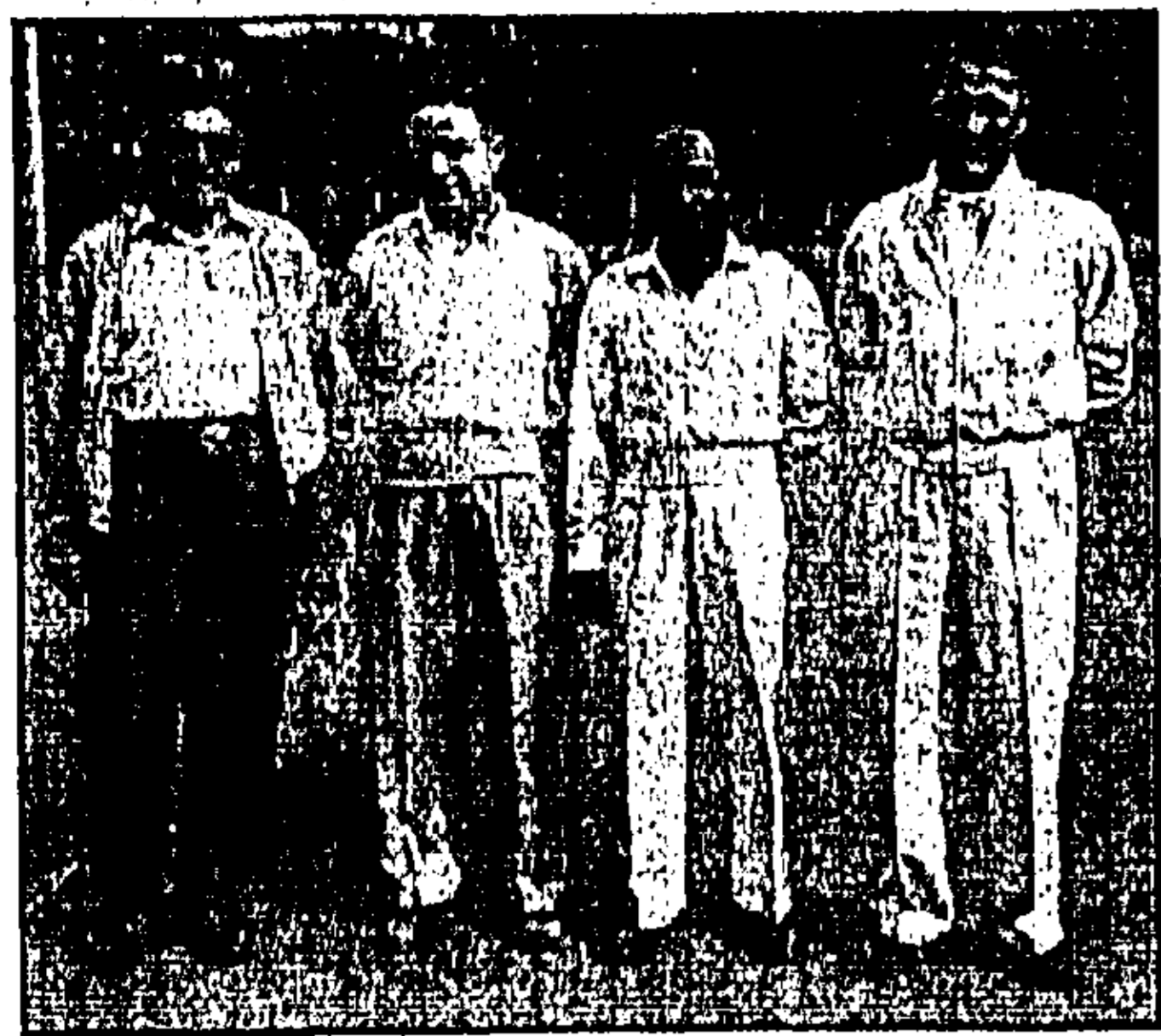
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The Colony Inter-hong pairs lawn bowls competition for the A11 Shield concluded last Sunday when A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb of Dodwell and Co. Ltd beat W. L. McCall and W. M. Davidson of Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd by 30-14 in the final match played at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

Photo shows (from left to right) W. L. McCall, W. M. Davidson, A. P. Pereira and J. Chubb.—China Mail Photo.



ABOVE: It looks as if a riot is going on here, but actually it is only Wimbledon tennis champion Ashley Cooper giving prison inmates a tennis demonstration when he recently visited the Bentridge Gaol in Victoria with other Davis Cup team members Neale Fraser and Rod Laver.—Central Press Photo.

RIGHT: That awful moment for a batsman is being experienced by Hongkong Cricket Club Optimists' batsman Pat Soughan as he turns back to see his wicket shattered by a ball from Scorpions bowler Cunningham after scoring 11 runs. This first division league match between the Optimists and the Scorpions last Saturday ended in a draw. — China Mail Photo.

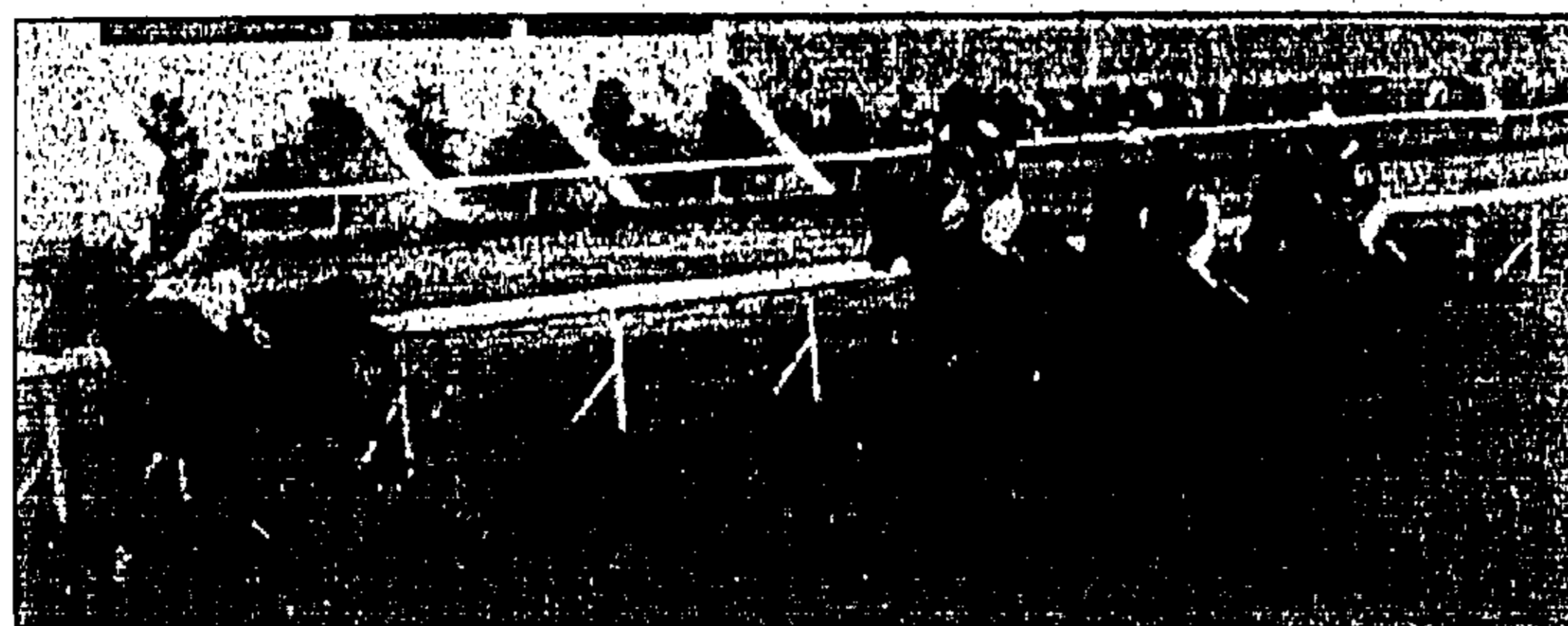
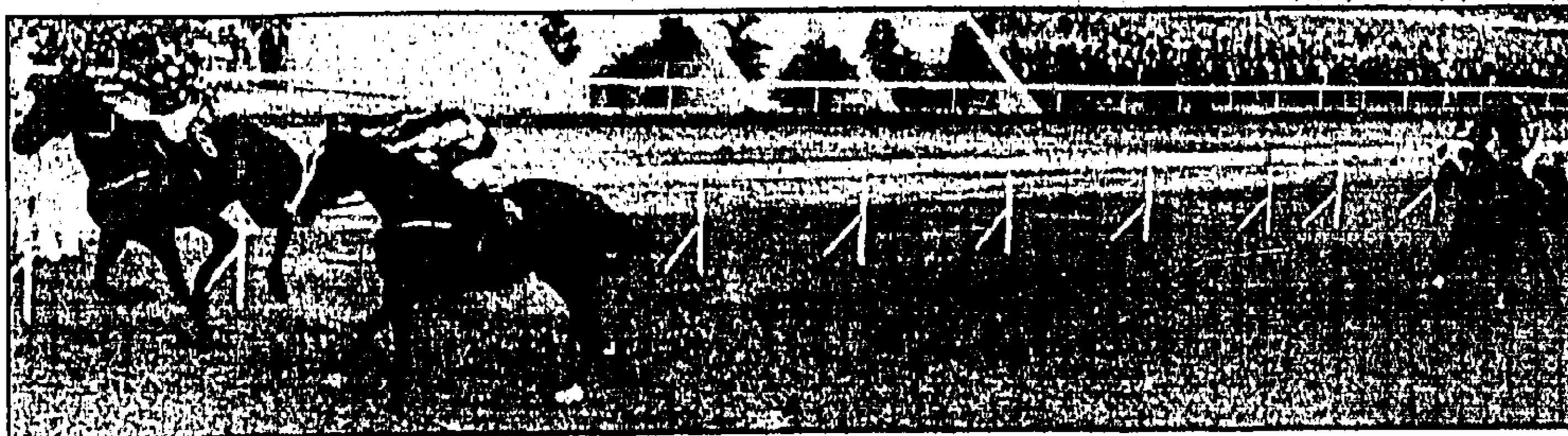


ABOVE: England's "golden boy" of boxing, Terry Spinks (right) is seen during his ten-round contest which he won on points over the Canadian champion, Pat Supple, at Wembley last week.—Central Press Photo.



Undefeated Recreio "A" scored an overwhelming 9-0 win over Kowloon Cricket Club last Saturday in their senior ladies' hockey league match to be now well within verge of the Championship title.

Hero Recreio inside-left Lourdes Guterres is seen about to flick the ball past KCC goalkeeper Beta Buckingham for one of the nine Recreio goals, as left-back Mimi Motta races back in vain to cover up.—China Mail Photo.



The first day's races of the Fifth Race Meeting at Happy Valley last Saturday again claimed the week's major sports interest.

Top photo shows the finish of the main event of the afternoon—the Green Park Handicap for Class One ponies over the distance of one mile and 171 yards. Top favourite Night People could only finish third well behind Red Light (No. 4) and Winsome Stag, with Red Light emerging winner in a photo-finish.

At left, Yin Chi is seen winning the Hamilton Park Handicap for Class 5 ponies from Co-ordination (No. 1) and Fenchurch (No. 2).—China Mail photos.

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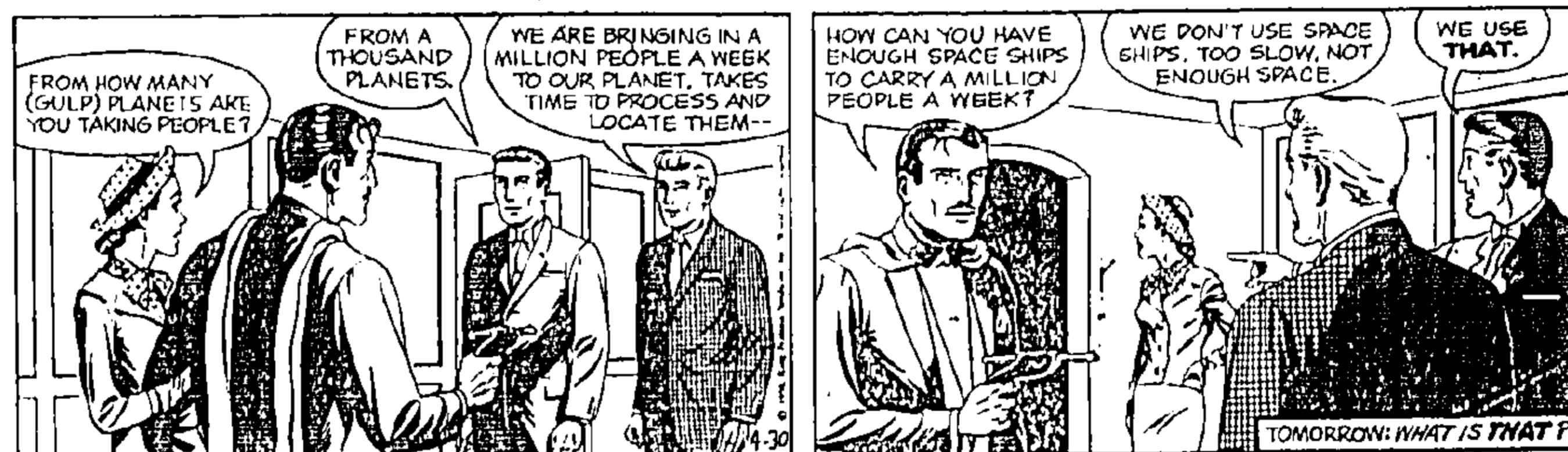
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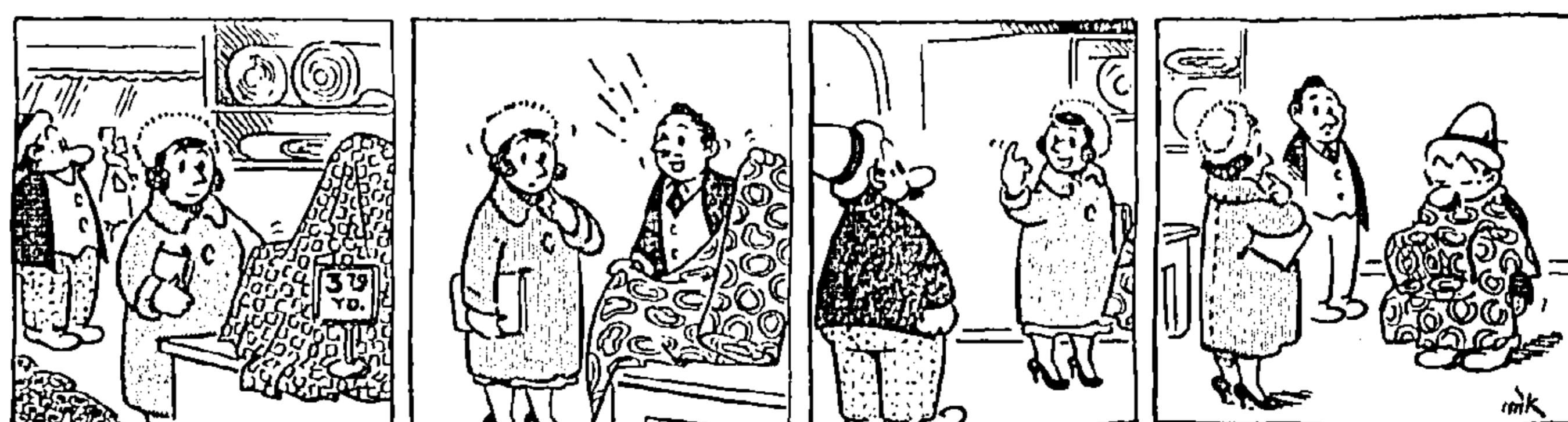
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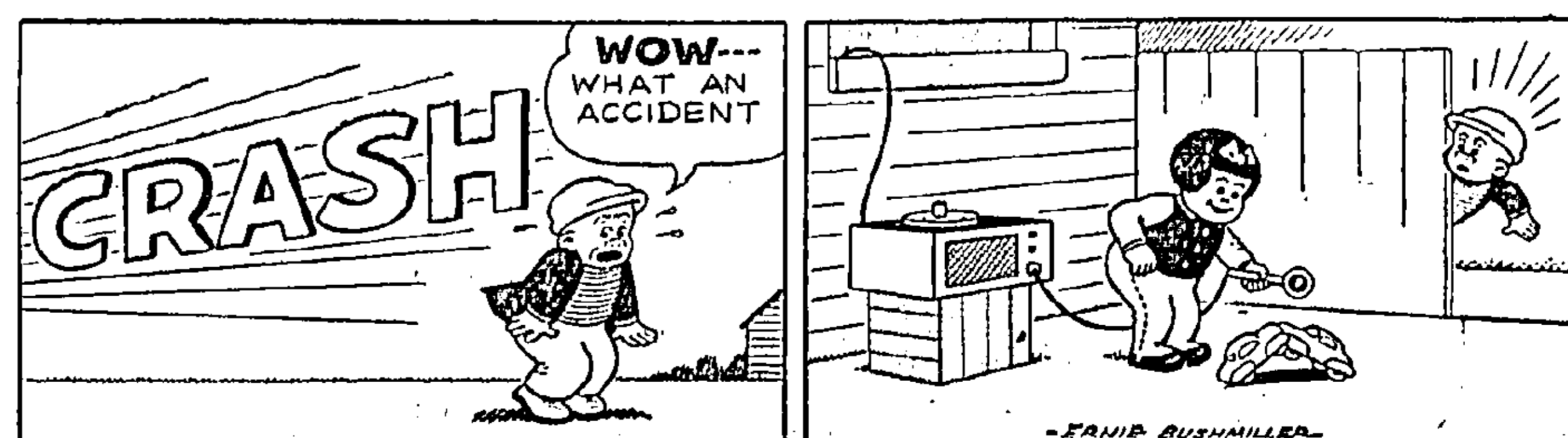
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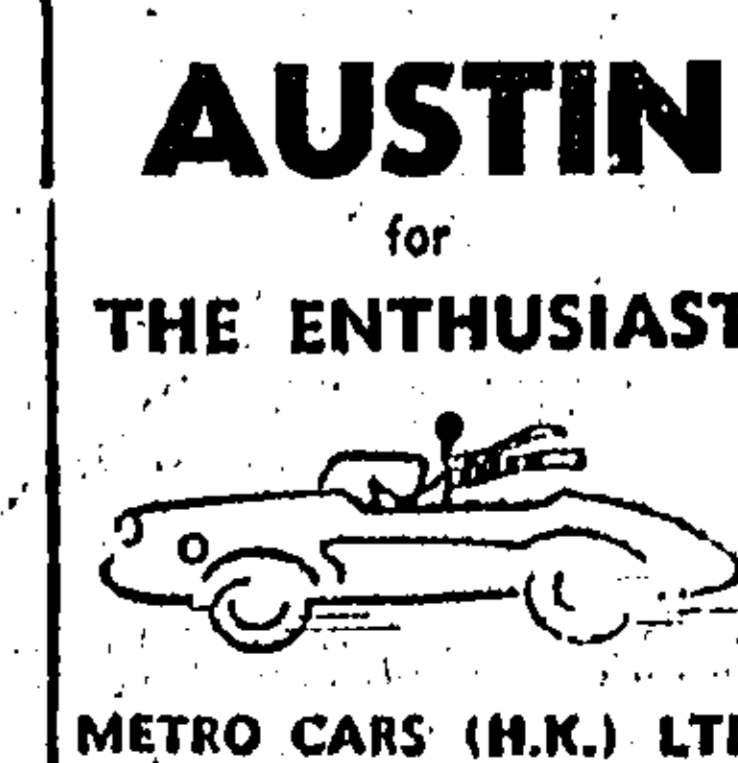
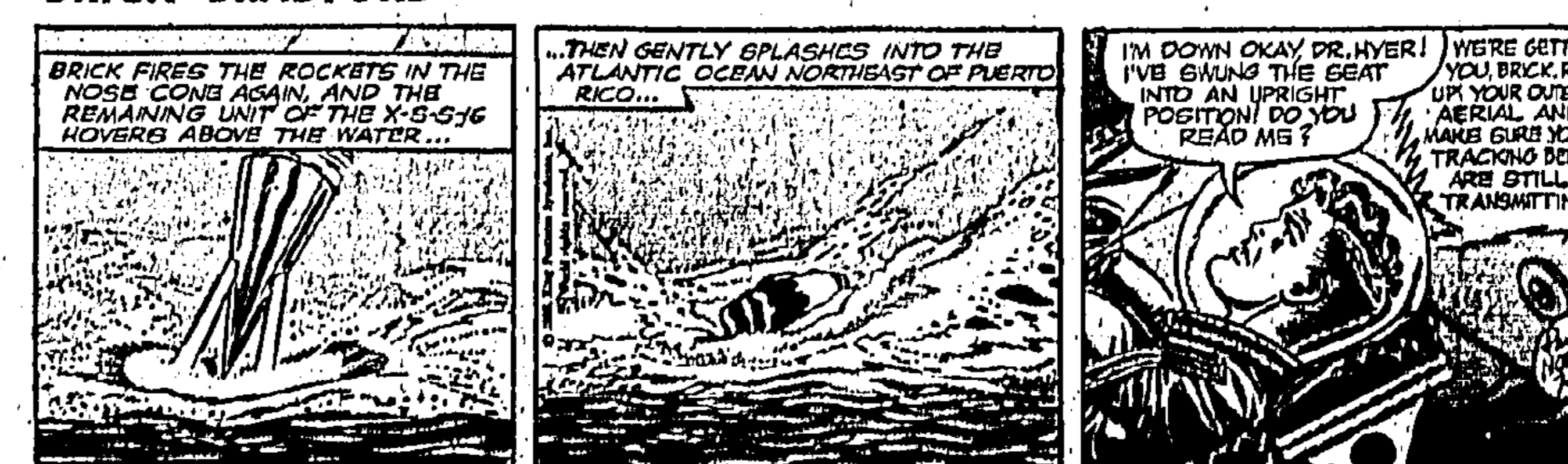


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Mao—The Soldier Poet

THE MASSES LOVE
HIM BUT HE NEVER
SOUGHT POPULARITY

Mao Tse-tung, who has resigned as Chair-
man of People's China, is the most
contradictory figure of contemporary
Communism.

He is a poet by taste, a philosopher by formation,
a politician who has weathered the most
violent struggles and a military strategist
whose talents are recognised throughout the
world.

He is also an excellent athlete. In 1956, at the age of 63,
he swam the Yangtze River three times, remaining
each time more than two hours in the icy waters and
battling strong currents.

He was born in 1893 in Shao
Shan, Hunan Province, the son
of a small farmer who employed
workers and paid them badly.
Mao's youth was dominated
by his own ideas. To combat the
poverty and brutality he found
in his own home.

He went to Teachers' College
in Shanshan, and, at the age of
20, joined in the revolutionary
movement directed against the
battering Manchu Dynasty and
imperialism by Dr. Sun Yat-
sen, who was to be the founder
of the Chinese Republic.

Mao was won over to
Marxism and in 1921 attended
the first Congress of the Chinese
Communist Party in Shanghai.

He wrote new works on
strategy and ideology.
His name began to be known
throughout China. His authority
within the Communist Party was
no longer contested and in
March, 1943, he was elected
President of the Party's Political
Bureau.



Mao Tse-tung
At 63, swam Yangtze

In June, 1923, he was elected
to the Central Committee of
the Party but had many difficul-
ties up to 1939.
He had to fight against Chiang
Kai-shek, who broke with the
Communists in 1927, and also
against his own friends.

"Deviationist"
The Communist leaders in
Moscow placed their confidence
in another Chinese Communist
leader, Li Lisan, an advocate
of workers' action, while Mao
opposed the Communist Party to
base itself on the peasantry.
Mao was finally called a
"deviationist" and excluded from
the Central Committee's
Political Bureau.

However, Mao maintained his
post in the Central Committee,
and at the beginning of the
military action revealed his
talents as a brilliant strategist.
He gave striking proof of his
capabilities during the famous
"Long March" in which 100,000
revolutionaries (men and
women) retreating before the

forces of Chiang Kai-shek which
were six times more numerous
(and which were advised by the
German General Von Seeckt),
travelled more than 10,000
kilometres.

Only 20,000 survivors managed
to reach the mouth of the Yellow
River.

But they had won a "Com-
munist state" was formed, and
the symbol of the revolutionary
emancipation of the peasant
class was definitely established.

When the Japanese intervened
in China, Mao, unable to play
an important role in the struggle
against the invasion, placed his
troops provisionally under the
command of Chiang Kai-shek.

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War Resumed

At the end of the war, Mao
had negotiations with Chiang
Kai-shek. These talks, which
began on August 28, 1945, were
broken off on October 10 of the
same year, and the following
July the civil war was resumed.
But this time Mao's troops
constantly increased and were
equipped with modern American
weapons which the Nationalists
either sold to them or abandoned.

In 1949, China came under the
control of the Communists and
Mao was elected to the first session
of the Chinese People's Consultative
Council held in September.

In 1950, Mao for the first time
visited Moscow, where he signed
with Stalin the Sino-Soviet
Alliance.

He did not visit the Soviet
capital again until 1957, when
he attended the celebrations of
the 40th anniversary of the
Russian revolution and the
meetings of world Communist
leaders.

Mao who had become
President of the Republic held
himself relatively aloof from
routine government affairs.

He took part in almost
no public ceremonies except the
Labour Day (May 1) and
National Day (October 1)
parades.

Mao is not a leader who
arouses passion in crowds.
His popularity which he seems
never to have sought is due to
the veneration in which he is
held by the Chinese masses.

However, his portraits and
busts reproduced in millions of
copies adorn practically every
office and home in China.

A monument to martyrs died
fighting for China which was
inaugurated this year in Peking
is inscribed with a statement by
Mao reproduced in the Chinese
President's handwriting.

In the spring of 1958, Mao
launched the famous slogan "let
one hundred flowers blossom"
which seemed to herald a new
era of liberalism in Chinese
thought and art.

However, afterwards Mao con-
siderably reduced the scope of
this slogan. At the same time
he made many trips throughout
the country.

His writings published in a
three-volume "Collected Works"
are obligatory reading in China
and the Soviet authorities have
advised Soviet Communists to
read them.—France Presse.

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14-Year-Old May
Be New Bardot

A 14-year-old
English girl, Gillian
Hills, may become the
new Brigitte Bardot.

She has been picked
by Roger Vadim, the
man who made Bardot
into the legend. She is
to star in his next film
"Les Liaisons Dan-
gereuses."

It all started when
Gillian had bronchitis
and her mother decided
to take her and live in
the south of France.

At the age of eight
she decided that she
wanted to become an
actress, and when she
recently heard that
Vadim was looking for
a new discovery to re-
place Bardot she wrote
and secured an inter-
view.—Central Press
Photo.

No Black Cat
Wellington.
Squadron Leader J. L. Scott,
of the N.Z.R.A.F., scoffed at
superstition to make a flight to
Noumea. He flew a party of
Air Force and civilian officers
there for a conference on
search and rescue.

His Sunderland flying-boat
was No 13, his passengers and
crew totalled 13 and the day
marked his 13th wedding an-
niversary. The flight was un-
eventful.—Reuter.

CROSSWORD
Across
1. Athlete. (9)
2. Sent by mail. (6)
3. One full of false praise. (9)
4. Foolishness. (6)
5. End of 1 Across. (5)
6. Make wealthy. (6)
7. Clothes hanger. (3)
8. Shower. (4)
9. Reduce. (6)
10. Bring in. (6)
11. Allowed to deteriorate. (9)
12. Carbon monoxide and so on. (9)
13. Loving attitude. (4)
Down
1. Undergoing pain. (9)
2. Game for riders. (4)
3. Jewellery. (4, 5)
4. Decay. (3)
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ROXY & BROADWAY: "Under
Fire" starring Rex Reason,
Henry Morgan and Steve
Breidie.
HOOPER & PARAMOUNT: "The
Mexican Spill" starring
Louis Armstrong and Edward
R. Murrow.
LEE & ASTOR: "Hazel With-
out a Cause" starring James
Dean and Natalie Wood.
RITZ: "Kings Go Forth" star-
ring Frank Sinatra, Tony
Curtis, Natalie Wood.
MAJESTIC: "The Hunters" star-
ring Robert Mitchum, Robert
Wagner, Richard Egan
and May Britt.

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Francisco & His Combo,
featuring Lita Solo.
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Rocky Fellers Combo with
Chinese vocalists Mona Tong,
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Quintet.
PRINCESS GARDEN: "The
Mexican Spill" Rita Ravel,
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a-golden" featuring the
Rita Ravel Combo.
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TO SLASH AIR FARES IF ALLOWED ON COLONIAL ROUTES

London, Dec. 16. EAGLE Aviation, a privately owned airline, announced last night that it would slash air fares if permitted by the British Government to fly on ten colonial routes.

Mr. Harold Hamberg, Chairman of the company, said that in most cases the new fares proposed by his company would be less than the current sea fares.

He agreed that his company was taking the unusual step of

U.S. Willing To Join Sea Conference

Washington, Dec. 16.

THE State Department said today that the United States would be glad to join with European Maritime countries in a conference on shipping problems including "Flags of Convenience."

Denmark was understood today to have joined Britain, Norway and the Netherlands in handing over notes to the State Department proposing such a meeting. France, Italy and Belgium were expected to make similar moves.

The State Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, told a press conference that "the United States will be pleased to exchange information and views" with the other governments.

He could not forecast what the United States attitude would be in a discussion on "Flags of Convenience."

The conference is expected to be held in Washington next February or possibly in March, diplomatic sources said.

Early this month the International Transport Workers' Federation conducted a four-day boycott of vessels operating under so-called flags of convenience—registered in Liberia, Panama, Honduras and Costa Rica.—Reuter.

World Markets Digest The Good News

By SYDNEY S. CAMPBELL

London, Dec. 16.

The markets have been digesting a remarkable amount of good news.

Worries about what is to happen in Europe when the Common Market starts in January and when Berlin's six months' grace expires in May have been pushed right into the background.

Wall Street and London Stock Exchange have both rallied towards the previous highs. On one good index Wall Street has surpassed the previous high.

In both countries the rise in unemployment in November was less than in November expected and much less than had been feared.

Investment banks are exerting a strong upward pull on American

business. Between the autumn of 1957 and the spring of this year they abstracted about ten billion dollars a year off demand.

In the past nine months they have put it back. Massive liquidation of inventories has progressively been replaced by modest accumulation, which is expected to continue.

More slowly the liquidation was so sharp there is less reason to fear the secondary bout of inventory liquidation which has been previous American recoveries.

American car output is at last being allowed to go ahead. It could provide the required stimulus to retail trade.

Retailing tends to lag in any American recovery phase. In 1954 the decisive upturn came only when the new cars caught the public fancy at the end of the year.

Something similar could happen this time, to keep things going until the capital goods cycle turns upward.

Tokyo Stock Price Inflation

Tokyo, Dec. 16.

Finance Minister Mr. Sato said government is now considering to take stiff measures to stop stock price inflation on Friday as the Dow-Jones average of 225 shares listed on the Tokyo Exchange soared past the 650-yen mark for the first time.

After a conference with Bank of Japan Governor, Masamichi Yamaguchi, Sato told newsmen the government was studying action to check the spiraling share prices.

Some newspapers speculated that the promised clamp would come next week.

Wild Day

Sato issued his statement at the close of another wild day on the Tokyo Stock Exchange which saw spinning, synthetic fibres and paper and paper shares—all suffering from the effects of recession—lead the close to a record average of 650.88 yen.

"Share prices have surged to a level not in keeping with the actual trend of the economy," Sato warned. "This is an undesirable situation. We cannot ignore it."—U.P.I.

Japan's Shipbuilding Programme For 1959

Tokyo, Dec. 9.

THE Council on Rationalization of Shipping and Shipbuilding (an advisory body), today recommended that construction for next year's official shipbuilding programme should remain at 230,000 tons, the same tonnage approved for this year.

The 1959 plan includes 100,000 tons of liners, 65,000 tons of tankers and 65,000 tons of oil tankers. The Council also asked the Government to supply additional assistance to the shipping industry to increase its competitive power in world markets.—Reuter.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$200,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
BANKS			
HSK Bank	725		27 @ 600
East Asia	725		
INSURANCES			
Lombard	70.50		300 @ 71
SHIPPING			
Whitcomb	5.00	0.75	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	33.50	45	200 @ 34.50
Yat Kee	44.50	45	500 @ 45
PROVIDENT	11.75	45	750 @ 11.50
LAND, ETC.			
HSK Hotel	21.50	21.50	2000 @ 21.40
HSK Land	30.20	30.50	40 @ 30.25
HSK Land	30.20	30.50	40 @ 30.25
Humphreys	15.20	15.00	45 @ 15.05
Realty	1.375	1.40	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.05	1.75	
Yat Kee	2.275	2.275	2000 @ 1.90
A. Towah			
UTILITIES			
Star Ferry	20.30	20.50	
Yat Kee	10.50	10.50	100 @ 10.40
C. Light	10.30	10.40	300 @ 10.30
Electric	24.00	25	
Macao	0.15		
Telephone	24.40	24.60	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	10.10	10.30	
Yat Kee	12.50	13.50	
Kwong S. H.	14		50 @ 14
COTTONS			
Textile	3.475	4500 @ 3.50	
Nanyang XD	6.40		
INVESTMENTS			
Int. Invest.	3.20		

CHINA'S COTTON EXPORTS AFFECT UK INDIRECTLY

Manchester, Dec. 16. The emergence of China as a big-scale cotton exporter has had a considerable impact on the industry in the Far East and Southeast Asia and, indirectly, in Britain, Mr. A. L. Hughes, President of the Manchester Cotton Association, said here today.

Giving the presidential address at the Association's annual meeting, Mr. Hughes said: "In overseas markets the emergence of China as an exporter on a considerable scale is an event, the importance of which has not yet been fully realised. 'The impact of this new competition has already had serious effects in Japan, and Chinese goods are being sold in South-east Asia at prices below those for Hongkong textiles.'

DEVELOPMENT
"This development means that the industry in Hongkong will value even more highly the outlet which it has for its cloth in the United Kingdom."

The Lancashire cotton industry, he went on, would long remember 1957 for its hard-fought battle to limit imports from Commonwealth countries. There was, however, little point in commenting on the struggle at the present stage, Mr. Hughes said.

It is sufficient to say that competition in the home market from Hongkong and Indian imports has brought about the closing of more mills and that short-time working has become commonplace throughout Lancashire."

He appealed for co-operation, "both as joint action and as the friendly interchange of views," between all sections of the Lancashire cotton industry.—Reuter.

WANTS TO INCREASE FRUIT EXPORT

Singapore, Dec. 16. A Singapore Government trade spokesman said today the colony was planning a wide-scale survey with a view to increasing exports of Malaysian fruits.

Yesterday a visiting Australian businessman, Mr. K. J. Eastaugh, export manager of a Melbourne food-canning company, suggested that Singapore could build up an important new industry by shipping fruit to Australia.—China Mail Special.

Exchange Rates

Business done in the local unofficial exchange market, including the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 1.50; Sterling (per £1) 1.50; Hong Kong dollar (per HK\$1) 1.50; Indian rupee (per Rs. 100) 1.50; Ceylon rupee (per Rs. 100) 1.50; Singapore dollar (per S\$1) 1.50.

Stocks Continue To Gain In New York

New York, Dec. 16.

Stocks continued to move ahead at a modest pace today with the usual list of specialties gaining sharply.

Wilson-Jones was an upside highlight, gaining 2 3/4 points to \$19 5/8 on Swingline, Inc. asked for tenders of 100,000 Wilson-Jones shares at \$20 a share.	Am. Mach. & Tool	20 1/2	U.S. Linc. Co.	20 1/2
Zenith scored another 11 points to \$207. American Motors, another strong spot in recent weeks, gained 3/4 to \$40 1/2.	Am. Metal	20 1/2	U.S. Rubber	20 1/2
There were gains of a point to two in Penn-Dixie Cement, Burroughs, Reichold Chemical, Calumet and Mecla, Daytheon, Firestone Tyre, General Tyre, American Visco.	Am. Sugar Ref.	20 1/2	U.S. Steel	20 1/2
	Am. Tel. & Tel.	20 1/2	U.S. Steel 1 P.C. PF	20 1/2
	Am. Tobacco	20 1/2	Warner Bros.	20 1/2
	Anaconda Copper	20 1/2	Westinghouse Air Brake	20 1/2
	Amoco Steel	20 1/2	Westinghouse Union Tel. Co.	20 1/2
	Armco	20 1/2	West Va. Pulp & Paper	20 1/2
	Atlas Corp. Mining	20 1/2	Woolworth	20 1/2
	Baldwin Locomotive	20 1/2		
	Baltimore & Ohio	20 1/2		
	Beneficial Finance	20 1/2		
	Bendix Aviation Corp.	20 1/2		
	Bentley Corp.	20 1/2		
	Bethlehem Steel	20 1/2		
	Boston Edison	20 1/2		
	Brown Shoe	20 1/2		
	Buffett	20 1/2		
	Canadian Pacific	20 1/2		
	Case	20 1/2		
	Cat. tractor	20 1/2		
	Chrysler	20 1/2		
	C.I.T. Financial Corp.	20 1/2		
	Citibank	20 1/2		
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	Columbia Gas	20 1/2		
	Commercial Credit	20 1/2		
	Consolidated	20 1/2		
	Crown Zellerbach	20 1/2		
	Cuban Amer. Sugar	20 1/2		
	Diamond Match Co.	20 1/2		
	Douglas Aircraft	20 1/2		
	Dow Chemicals	20 1/2		
	Dupont de Nemours	20 1/2		
	Eastern Airline	20 1/2		
	Eastman Kodak	20 1/2		
	El Paso National Gas	20 1/2		
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NEW HK DEVELOPMENT AREA

Governor's Three-Hour Visit To Kun Tong

His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black spent three hours this morning on an inspection of public works projects at Kun Tong, the Colony's principal postwar development area on the eastern shores of Kowloon Bay.



The Governor was accompanied by the Director of Public Works, the Hon. A. Inglis, and the Assistant Director of Public Works, Engineering, Mr. W. A. Johnson.

Eight contracting firms are at present engaged in the various phases of the engineering works at Kun Tong. Sir Robert first inspected the 1,000-foot long sea-wall which has been built to enclose a reclamation of about 90 acres to provide factory sites for industry.

Spill from the foothills immediately to the north of the reclamation is being dumped to form the second stage of this extensive reclamation project. The entire reclamation, on completion, will provide some 240 acres of new land from the sea.

The Governor today travelled by land over some rough terrain. He saw the progress of work on the building of new factories and other buildings on the reclaimed area. Bulldozers and excavators were at work in the foothills, which are being levelled to form new housing zones.

Accompanied by Mr. Andrew Mar, Chief Engineer, Port Works Office, Sir Robert drove past Ngau Chai Ridge to obtain a general view of the development area. (See photo at right).

The Governor saw formation work at the new Kun Tong reclamation estate which will have over 20 blocks of seven-story buildings and provide accommodation for more than 50,000 people.

The first stage of this reclamation scheme calls for the building of four H-blocks with accommodation for about 11,000 people while the second stage consists of the filling in of the valley by cutting away part of the hill to form a site for nine other blocks with accommodation for about 22,000 people.

Robbery On Staircase

A Chinese held up and robbed a woman of \$1,400 in cash on the staircase of No. 141, Sai Yee Street shortly after midday yesterday.

CHINA LIKE A BIG ZOO

Indian Professor's View After Six-Week Visit

"China is like a big zoo: you have three meals a day, you work tremendously hard, but you have no freedom at all," said Dr S. Chandrasekhar, Director of the Indian Institute of Population Studies, and Professor of Economics at University College, Madras, who arrived in Hongkong yesterday after a six-week visit to China.

He was speaking at a press conference held in the Astor Hotel this morning. He said the Chinese have destroyed the intellectuals and more or less abolished the ordinary comprehensive universities.

"The Communists say, 'What is the use of studying Shakespeare when you want to build dams and factories,'" he said. "The qualifications necessary to become a student in a Chinese university, Dr Chandrasekhar said, are:

- ★ Political ideology. "In China no questions are asked and no tests are carried out. A student can get into a university if he is enthusiastic about Socialism."
- ★ He must be in excellent health.
- ★ He must be intellectually apt.

During his six-week visit, Dr Chandrasekhar visited a Chinese commune in Cheng Chai. "There," he said, "a group of 68 villages have become communes at the request of the villagers."

Now they have 135 creches, 130 tea gardens, 228 public canteens, 24 Happy Homes for the Aged, two middle schools with 22 classes of 14-15 students and 36 "Red and expert" (technical) colleges.

Sputnik Commune
They also have two large hospitals, 14 out-patient departments, and 18 shops. "The population of this 'sputnik commune' is 57,551," he said.

"The great benefit of these communes is expressed by the 10 guarantees, which include: free clothing, free food, free housing, free transport to and from work, maternity benefits, old age benefits, sick leave, funeral and burial, education, bath, tailoring, electricity, marriage grant, recreational facilities, and bringing up children," he said.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS

Three accused—two farmers and a watchman—will be arraigned before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholtes at the Criminal Sessions tomorrow on charges of murder and wounding.

The accused are Hui Ching-ming, 38, and Hui Shu-chung, 25, both farmers, charged with the murder of Hui Tin-ping in Shatin on September 5; and Cheung Sang, 33, watchman, charged with wounding another man, Ng Shong, on September 23, with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

Police Raid

(Continued from Page 1)
The stairs of the next door house were searched.

Defendant was then taken back to his quarters where police found the radio apparatus. The Inspector added that when he felt the radio set, "it was still hot".

Leung said he was operating it when the police arrived. Inspector Crosby said the police had been working during the last seven months to track down this organisation.

He added that about 40 firms were using this radio for commercial purposes between Bangkok and Hongkong.

H.E. TO TAKE PART IN CAROL SERVICE

HIS Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black, will read a lesson at the Carol service of Nine Lessons at St John's Cathedral on Sunday evening. This is revealed in the Christmas programme of St John's Cathedral.

Next Saturday, from 3-5 p.m. the Cathedral gives its annual poor children's party. They will be entertained by members of the Cathedral 9 o'clock choir. On Sunday afternoon, at 3:30 p.m. there will be a Crib Service when children are invited to put presents in front of the Crib which will then be distributed to poor and needy children in the Colony.

On Christmas Eve there will be a service of Holy Communion beginning at 11:30 p.m. On Christmas Day there will be celebrations of Holy Communion at 7, 8, 9 and 12:15. A family service for parents and children at 10 a.m. Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m. Evensong and Communion at 6:30 p.m.

On Sunday, December 28 at 10:30 a.m. the children of St James' Settlement give a Shadow Mime Nativity play in the Cathedral Hall.

THEFTS FROM HOUSES

Thieves entered two houses in Sky Room Terrace yesterday and stole cash and jewellery to a total value of \$3,720.

From the third floor of No. 8, Sky Room Terrace, thieves stole cash and jewellery valued at \$3,580 between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m.

During the same period, intruders broke into the fourth floor flat of No. 8, Sky Room Terrace and took \$140 in cash.

Man Falls From Lorry

A 26-year-old man, Wong Shu-wing, of No. 412, Reclamation Street, third floor, was injured in a fall from a lorry in which he was travelling when the lorry collided with a commercial van in Canton Road yesterday. The injured man was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Card Query

Sir—Your column on "Christmas-Card Etiquette" has been very timely and useful. I have been puzzled by a number of questions asked by many well-wishers year after year.

A good service, indeed, and a timely one.

To some, still, a slight knot has yet to be unravelled. Some cards are sent just with the senders' signatures at the bottom and nothing at the top, but some are written with the addressee's names and titles at the top. Does the present trend require the sender's signature only or would the appearance of the addressee's name at the top be too informal?

Unless the "How should you address your card" paragraph does refer to the Christmas Card itself and not the envelope, some additional advice will, I am sure, be appreciated by many.

GEO. LEE.

[We are no Amy Vanderbilt, but why not print your name and address on the envelope and sign as you like inside the card?—Ed.]

From the Files

25 years AGO

DIRECT radio communication will be inaugurated between China and England on January 1. Inauguration of the radio service will add to the ramifications of a service that is already almost world-wide. Chinese radio stations are at present in daily communication with almost every point of the globe, the only important country not having a direct service being Australia.

France is in national mourning as a result of the appalling railway disaster at Lagny on Saturday. The death toll now exceeds 200—the last official figure being 217—while of the 300 injured 160 are in a serious condition in Lagny and Paris hospitals.

A CABLE from Peking says that rumours are again current in Manchuria that Mr Henry Pu Yi will be declared emperor shortly at the head of the new regime.

It is said the intention is to restore the Ching dynasty and the date selected for this event is January 1. The rumours can not be confirmed in any reliable quarter but they are enjoying wild currency at present.

A soldier of the East Lancs burst into a flat at 80 Hankow Road late yesterday, alarming the amah who was the only person inside. She raised a cry for help to which a passer-by, Mr Elkins, immediately responded.

He entered the flat and tried to hold the man who, however, seized his finger and bent it back until it broke. A nasal Petty Officer who had arrived on the scene took charge of the soldier.

WORKING quietly and systematically in the early hours of Sunday morning, a gang of thieves thought to be Chinese, battered holes through two brick walls and stole goods worth about \$15,000 from the Siberian Fur Store, 1,151 Babbling Well Road, and the shop next door, says a cable from Shanghai. The manager of the fur shop puts his losses at \$10,000.

A leader in the SCM Post said: "Relations between Hongkong and Canton remain good, a matter for mutual congratulations. The political and social understandings, however, are not all. More important, from the materialistic report of view at least, is economic compromise—agreement to live and let live. That this understanding is incomplete is evident from the fact that there is still too great a tendency to regard the two ports as competitors rather than complementary; and at the risk of seeming to depart from the rules of dispassionate analysis it must be said that the aggressiveness is mostly in Canton."

PIRATES landed in Hongkong at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and carried off 100 children. But the pirates were not from Blas Bay nor were the children taken for ransom. It was the occasion of the annual children's party on board HMS Medway and the "pirates" were really naval officers who hit upon this novel idea for the entertainment of the kiddies.

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NEW POST



The Rev. James A. Muir has been appointed resident Superintendent of Children's Garden at Wu Kwai Sha, New Territories.

Occupying the senior post at this orphanage, owned and operated by Christian Children's Fund, Mr Muir will be responsible for over 800 children.

Mr Muir was until recently in charge of the Forces Club at Sek Kong, N.T., and was also officiating Chaplain to the Army and RAF.

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